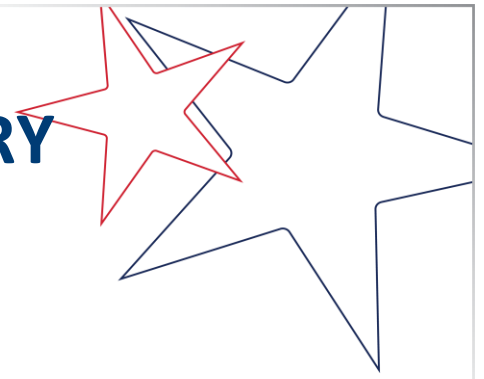


MISSISSIPPI TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

2024-25 School Year

Application deadline: June 28, 2024



Purpose

The purpose of the Mississippi Teacher Advisory Council (MTAC) is to provide feedback to the State Superintendent of Education on the initiatives of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) and to empower teachers to discuss topics critical to their success in the classroom and how MDE can assist.

Teachers often implement effective strategies in their classrooms that can be shared statewide and provide valuable insights that could improve MDE initiatives. The MTAC will provide a venue for teachers to become advocates for their students and their profession through input of the decision-making process.

Goals

- To inform MDE's professional development strategy
- To provide teacher perspectives to MDE on proposed and existing initiatives
- To provide feedback, guidance and support to MDE in the development and implementation of effective teaching and learning strategies

Charge

Composition: The MTAC will include classroom teachers from north, central and south Mississippi. The MDE seeks a diverse group of teachers who represent all levels and subject areas to accurately reflect public education in Mississippi. There will be a concerted effort to include teachers at various levels of the career cycle, including teachers who have less than 5 years of teaching experience.

Function: Council members will work with the State Superintendent of Education to create a joint agenda for meetings. The goal is to have the State Superintendent share information and receive feedback and then open the meeting to discuss issues of importance to the council.

Meetings: In-person meetings are held in the fall and spring in Oxford, Gulfport and the Jackson area. MTAC members are expected to attend the meeting at the location that is most convenient. A mid-year meeting will be held in person or virtually. All meetings will take place 3:30-5 p.m.



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Qualifications

A teacher is defined as a classroom teacher who spends 100% of his/her time in pre-kindergarten-12th grade classrooms working with students.

A council member must:

1. Be a classroom teacher for a minimum of 3 years and plan to remain a classroom teacher.
2. Demonstrate a strong commitment to school improvement as evidenced by involvement at a school, community, state or national level, and supported by a letter of recommendation from a principal or superintendent that can attest to that.
3. Be knowledgeable about educational issues and show leadership in the school.
4. Be willing to engage in constructive discussion about current issues in education.

Application Requirements

All application materials are due Friday, June 28, 2024

1. [Online candidate information form](#). Review your application prior to submission. Once it has been submitted, changes cannot be made to your application.
2. **Resume**
3. **Letter of recommendation from your principal or superintendent** that speaks to your abilities and potential to contribute.

Submit resume and letter of recommendation by **June 28, 2024**, to tburkett@mdek12.org or mail to:

Mississippi Department of Education
Attn: Office of Communication and Government Relations
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-771

Next Steps

Selected council members will be notified by email by **August 16, 2024**. The first 2024-25 Mississippi Teacher Advisory Council meeting dates and locations will be included in acceptance emails. Candidates who are not accepted will be notified by email by August 19, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Cook, APR, chief of communication, at jcook@mdek12.org.



