

OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
November 12, 2021

OFFICE OF HEALTHY SCHOOLS

- H. Approval to revise the methodology to award School Nurse Intervention Grants as identified in the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-14-3 and funded by legislative appropriation

Background and Purpose: In 2007 the Mississippi Legislature created the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry Act, Public School Nurse Program, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-14-3. The program receives an annual legislative appropriation for the purpose of continued support for the School Nurse Intervention Program. The Office of Healthy Schools will issue a Request for Applications to award grant funds to districts for one year with up to four annual extensions based on successful completion of grant requirements. Districts may apply for up to two grant awards based on need.

Eligibility: Mississippi public school districts

Funding Source: Legislative appropriation

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive/Discretionary

Awards will be based on the following:

- **School Readiness:**
Proposal will maintain or improve Nurse to Student Ratio Active Wellness Policy and Health Council
- **Quality of Project Design:**
Appropriate nurse job description
Administration support for the nurse program
- **School Profile, Budget:**
Provide information on a functioning school nurse program or
Identify the need for a nurse when no school nurse program is in place
- **Support of MOE Vision and Goals:**
Plan for improvement of student health and academic success
Plan for quality, sustainability, and advance of the school nurse program
- Up to Seventy-two (72) awards of up to \$64,000 each will be made based on annual legislative appropriations

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None