

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 23, 2021

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING

06.C. Action: Award grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site in House Bill 1387, 2021 Legislative Session [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for special projects as identified in House Bill 1387. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to transfer the designated amount to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site. The sites are Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi. Each site shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure. Funds will be awarded to each WCTP site based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year. This requirement will be included in the grant agreements for the Institutions of Higher Learning World Class Teacher Program sites receiving the funds. The World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) is a statewide university-based initiative designed to recruit, mentor, and support teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2022)
- Award Amount: \$ 600,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State General Funds (House Bill 1387, 2021 Legislative Session)

Summary of Selection Process: Grants awarded to Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teacher Program site.

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

World Class Teacher Program/Initial FY22 Allocation

Total FY22 Appropriation: \$ **600,000.00**

First Half General Fund Allocation: \$ **300,000.00**

University	FY21 Actual		FY21's First Half GF Allocation
	Participants	%	
Alcorn State University	0	0.00%	\$ -
Delta State University	25	4.826%	\$ 14,478.76
Jackson State University	39	7.529%	\$ 22,586.88
Mississippi State University	40	7.722%	\$ 23,166.02
University of Mississippi	222	42.857%	\$ 128,571.43
University of Southern Mississippi	192	37.066%	\$ 111,196.91
Total	518	100.00%	\$ 300,000.00

Final allotment to each university will be prorated based on the certified counts (February Counts) from National Board.

*Please note on the grant agreements, a penny was added to DSU.

470 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
471 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
472 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year
473 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the
474 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the
475 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
476 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
477 Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and
478 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

479 **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the
480 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million
481 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for
482 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred
483 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class
484 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers
485 seeking National Board Certification.

486 **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and
487 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand
488 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child
489 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State
490 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child
491 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include
492 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state
493 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature
494 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts

