

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
July 18, 2024

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- O. Approval of Jackson State University's request to establish a traditional teacher education preparation licensure-track bachelor's degree program in math that leads to dual licensure in the areas of Algebra (7-12) and Geometry (7-12)

Background Information: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 there is established within the MDE the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the Mississippi Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

On May 3, 2024, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) granted approval of a request received from the Division of Educator Preparation that would allow Jackson State University to establish a dual initial licensure-track traditional preparation program for math education leading to a license in the areas of Algebra (7-12), licensure code 155, and Geometry (7-12), licensure code 156. Program completers will be required to pass the Algebra I, Geometry, and Principles of Learning and Teaching (7-12) licensure exams.

Jackson State University made this request in support of local and statewide educator workforce needs for algebra and geometry teachers. Based upon MDE's Educator Shortage Survey, algebra and geometry represented 28% of anticipated math-specific vacancies statewide for the 2023-2024 school year.

Required Courses:

- Math 111 College Algebra
- Math 112 Plane Trigonometry or Math 118 Algebra II and Trigonometry
- Math 217 Introduction to Finite Mathematics
- Math 251 Finite Mathematics
- STAT 271 Elementary Statistics
- ETEC 336 Advance Multimedia in the Classroom

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None