

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
May 21, 2020

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION

06. Action: Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining an Advanced Placement (AP) supplemental (add-on) endorsement that is added to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses [Goal 4 - MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Office of Educator Licensure in collaboration with the Office of Secondary Education is seeking approval to modify the requirements for obtaining and maintaining an Advanced Placement (AP) licensure add-on endorsement. The original request presented to the members of the Licensure Commission at its regular meeting on January 10, 2020, was to eliminate all requirements for the issuance of the initial AP add-on endorsement and requirements for renewal of the endorsement. The item was tabled and MDE staff were directed to convene an Ad Hoc Committee of the Licensure Commission to identify an alternative option. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Licensure Commission met on February 19, 2020 and concluded with the decision to forward the recommendation to require the completion of a MDE approved AP training or the College Board endorsed AP Summer Institute (APSI) as one criterion for obtaining the initial AP add-on endorsement. The Ad Hoc Committee further recommended that upon the issuance of the initial AP endorsement, the AP teacher must renew the AP endorsement in accordance with State Board approved general licensure renewal guidelines. On March 6, 2020 at its regular meeting, the members of the full Licensure Commission voted to approve the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee.

According to the Education Commission of the States (ECS), Mississippi is one of approximately five (5) states that requires a separate endorsement for AP teachers, and this requirement has been noted as a barrier to AP course access, especially in small schools and rural schools. The Office of Secondary Education has reviewed student performance in AP courses over the last 10 years, and Mississippi has lagged behind other states, even those that do not have a specific licensure requirement. AP teachers are required to complete a course syllabus audit, through which courses are reviewed to ensure each course is of appropriate

rigor to received the AP designation. Additionally, much of the support that was provided through face-to-face training many years ago is now available online.

In order to reduce barriers to access, in consideration of the AP course syllabus audit process, and in light of available online resources, the Office of Secondary Education recommends elimination of the additional licensure requirement for AP courses.

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

Recommendation: Approval (as modified by MDE staff)

Back-up material attached

ATTACHMENT A – RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM THE LICENSURE COMMISSION

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES AND LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT CODES

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Documentation from the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), a College Board approved professional development provider, will be accepted for initial certification for any AP area in lieu of the College Board AP Summer Institute. In addition, initial AP Computer Science Principles training may be issued by Project Lead The Way or Code.org. These two providers are endorsed by College Board as professional development providers for AP Computer Science Principles only.

Once a teacher has been issued an initial AP endorsement, the AP endorsement must [be renewed in accordance with State Board approved general licensure renewal guidelines. every five \(5\) years with additional MDE approved AP training that earns 3 Continuing Education Units \(CEUs\) in the appropriate AP endorsement area. Additionally, teachers may continue to renew AP endorsements by attending the College Board APSI, or by serving as an official College Board AP reader in the appropriate endorsement area.](#)

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Computer Science

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- 612 or 613 or 646 – Computer Science Principles, Advanced Placement

English

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- 615 - English Literature and Composition, Advanced Placement

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- 628 - Environmental Science, Advanced Placement
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- 644 - Studio Art: Drawing, Advanced Placement

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- 647 – Seminar, Advanced Placement
- 648 – Research, Advanced Placement

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