

OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
January 21, 2016

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

03. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To award Carnegie unit credit for 7th and 8th graders [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]

On January 5, 2016, the Commission on School Accreditation met in a special-called meeting and approved the awarding of Carnegie units for 7th and 8th graders provided the course content is a Carnegie unit bearing course in the current edition of the *Approved Courses for the Secondary Schools of Mississippi Manual*.

Process Standard 14 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2015*, is being revised to allow all students enrolled in grades 7-12 to earn Carnegie unit credit provided the course content is the same.

This revision will allow middle school students additional opportunities to participate in advanced placement, dual credit, and dual enrollment, as well as earn Carnegie units for electives.

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PROCESS STANDARD 14
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS, 2015

- 14.** The school district requires each student, in order to receive a high school diploma, to have met the requirements established by its local board of education and by the State Board of Education. {MS Code 37-16-7} (SB Policies 3801, 3802, 3803, and 3804)
- 14.1** Each student receiving a standard high school diploma has earned the minimum number of Carnegie units as specified in Appendix A. (See Appendix A.) (SB Policies 2902 and 2903) Students receiving a standard diploma may select from four (4) graduation pathways as specified by the local school district's graduation requirements.
- 14.1.1** Entering ninth graders in 2005-2006 and thereafter (seniors of school year 2008-2009 and later) are required to have a minimum of 21 Carnegie units as specified in Appendix A-1.
- 14.1.2** Entering ninth graders in 2008-2009 and thereafter (seniors of school year 2011-2012 and later) are required to have a minimum of 24 Carnegie units as specified in Appendix A-2, unless, in accordance with school board policy, their parent/guardian requests to opt the student out of Appendix A-2 requirements. This student would be required to complete the graduation requirements specified in A-1.
- 14.1.3** Entering eleventh graders in 2010-2011 and thereafter (seniors of school year 2011-2012 and later) who chose the Career Pathway Option are required to earn the minimum graduation requirements specified in Appendix A-3. {MS Code 37-16-17}
- 14.1.4** Beginning in school year 2011-2012, all eighth grade students are required to have an Individualized Career and Academic Plan (iCAP) prior to exiting the eighth grade.
- 14.1.5** Innovative Programs
- 14.1.6** Early Exit Diplomas
- 14.2** Each student receiving a standard diploma has achieved a passing score on each of the required high school exit examinations. {MS Code-37-16-7} (SB Policies 3600, 3801, 3803, and 3804)
- 14.3** Each student who has completed the secondary curriculum for special education may be issued a special diploma or certificate of completion, which states: "This student has successfully completed an Individualized Education Program." {MS Code 37-16-11(1)}
- 14.4** Each student with disabilities receiving a Mississippi Occupational Diploma has successfully completed all minimum requirements established by the State Board of Education. {MS Code 37-16-11(2)} (See Appendix G.)
- 14.5** The student who fails to meet the graduation requirements is not permitted to participate in the graduation exercises.

~~Note: Carnegie units may be awarded in the seventh grade for the following courses: Algebra I, Biology I, ICT II (Information and Communication Technology), and first-year Foreign Language provided course content is the same as the high school course. Effective with 2014-15, Carnegie units may be earned for CCSS Compacted Math Grade 7, CCSS Math Grade 8, CCSS Compacted Math Grade 8 (with Integrated Math 1), and CCSS Math Grade 8 (with Algebra I/Traditional).~~

~~Note: Carnegie units may be awarded in the eighth grade for the following courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Mississippi Studies, Geography, Biology I, ICT II (Information & Communication Technology), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Science), Introduction to Agriscience, first-year Foreign Language, and second-year Foreign Language provided course content is the same as the high school course. Carnegie units may be earned for CCSS Compacted Math Grade 7, CCSS Math Grade 8, CCSS Compacted Math Grade 8 (with Integrated Math 1), and CCSS Math Grade 8 (with Algebra I/Traditional).~~

Note: Students enrolled in grades 7 – 12 may be awarded a Carnegie unit credit provided the course content is a Carnegie unit bearing course in the current edition of the *Approved Courses for the Secondary Schools of Mississippi Manual*.