

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 16, 2017

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03. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy, Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements* (Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan)

Background Information: On February 2, 2017, the Commission on School Accreditation met and approved the recommendation of the Office of Secondary Education to establish State Board of Education Policy, Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements*.

The purpose of the *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements* is to provide the Local Education Agencies (*LEAs) with the policies needed at the school level to teach either course and for students to earn the necessary scores for non-postsecondary remediation.

In an effort to better prepare high school students for the transition to postsecondary study, Mississippi, in conjunction with Southern Region Educational Board and seventeen other states have developed two courses that align with college and career readiness standards. Based on Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Policy 608, students who complete one or both courses with an 80 or above will not be required to take the corresponding remedial courses for College Algebra or English Composition I at any of the eight public Mississippi Universities.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Chapter 28: Curriculum

Rule 28.6 Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements (*previously known as the SREB Math Ready & Literacy Ready Courses)

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2. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, any LEA that offers either the Essentials for College Literacy or the Essentials for College Math course must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Teacher must have a valid 7-12 mathematics endorsement (154) or English Language Arts/Literacy (119) endorsement before participating in this training.
 - b. Teacher must attend certification training as offered or approved by the Mississippi Department of Education.
 - c. Teacher must apply for and request to add the 930 supplemental endorsement for the Essentials for College Literacy or the 929 supplemental endorsement for the Essentials for College Math to his/her teaching license with the Mississippi Department of Education Office of Teacher Licensure.
 - d. Students eligible for this class must enter with an ACT sub-score of 15-18 in the respective content area (English or mathematics).
 - e. Students must be classified as a senior for enrollment. An exception to this requirement may include students classified as a junior planning to graduate prior to the spring of their senior year.
3. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, all LEAs must offer Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy
4. LEA failure to adhere to the set forth requirements in Section 2 will be a violation of the Mississippi Accountability Standards 2 and 26.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3, 37-9-7*