

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**April 19, 2018**

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

- C. Approval of methodology to reimburse schools participating in advanced learning programs for teacher training

Background and Purpose: These funds are being awarded to support and expand efforts to recruit, train and retain quality educators for Mississippi LEAs in the area of Advanced Placement. Funds would pay all or a portion of teacher training expenses for teachers to attend the College Board Advanced Placement Summer Institutes. To receive funding, the applicant must submit a grant application that includes a narrative describing the need for funding, a description of the activities that the grant will support, a budget summary, and a description of the process to evaluate the initiative. A Selection Committee will review and assess the quality of the applications.

Eligibility: The Advanced Placement Summer Institute Grant will provide financial support for teachers to receive training to teach Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Awardees of this grant will include schools that seek to grow their AP programs through training new teachers for AP endorsement, and that agree to test, using the Advanced Placement assessment, all students who are enrolled in the AP courses taught by teachers who were awarded these grants. Preference will be given to schools that plan to grow their STEM related Advanced Placement programs, particularly AP Computer Science Principles, as well as schools that plan to offer new AP subject areas.

Funding Source: State, Federal, and/or Other funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Evaluation Criteria - 100 Point Total

Description of plan to expand existing AP program	20 points
Assurances	10 points
Priority points awarded to schools in need of AP program	30 points
Offering AP Computer Science Principles	20 points
Offering AP in a new subject area	<u>20 points</u>
Total	100 points

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None