

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 18, 2022

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING

03.A. Action: Award grant for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site in House Bill 1600, 2022 Legislative Session [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for special projects as identified in House Bill 1600. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to transfer the designated amount to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site. The sites are Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi. Each site shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure. Funds will be awarded to each WCTP site based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year. This requirement will be included in the grant agreements for the Institutions of Higher Learning World Class Teacher Program sites receiving the funds. The World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) is a statewide university-based initiative designed to recruit, mentor, and support teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2023)
- Award Amount: \$ 700,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State General Funds (House Bill 1600, 2022 Legislative Session).
Transferred from the Mississippi Department of Education

Summary of Selection Process:

Grants awarded to Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teacher Program site.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

World Class Teacher Program/Initial FY23 Allocation

**Total FY23
Appropriation: \$700,000.00**

**First Half General Fund
Allocation: \$350,000.00**

University	FY22 Actual		FY23's First Half GF Allocation
	Participants	%	
Delta State University	30	6.637%	\$23,230.09
Jackson State University	24	5.310%	\$18,584.07
Mississippi State University	65	14.381%	\$50,331.86
University of Mississippi	206	45.575%	\$159,513.27
University of Southern Mississippi	127	28.097%	\$98,340.71
Total	452	100.000%	\$350,000.00

The second half of the \$700,000 FY23 appropriation (\$350,000) will be awarded to each university on a prorated basis, as confirmed by the certified counts (February Counts) provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards organization.