# Mississippi Virtual Synchronous Learning Initiative or REACH MS

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## **VISION**

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

### MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





#### State Board of Education STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



**ALL** Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

**EVERY** School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders





**EVERY** Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes





**EVERY** Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

**EVERY** School and District is Rated "C" or Higher







- Is your district facing challenges staffing certified teachers in Math, English Language Arts, or Science for grades 7–12?
- REACH Mississippi, a partnership between the Mississippi
  Department of Education (MDE) and Mississippi Public Broadcasting
  (MPB), offers certified virtual instruction delivered live into your
  classrooms—at minimal cost to your district.



#### **What REACH Provides**

- Certified teachers delivering one to three daily synchronous classes
- Support from student interns (Educators in Residence)
- Instruction aligned with Mississippi curriculum standards
- Canvas Learning Management System and E-Glass technology for interactive delivery
- Capacity to serve up to 450 students per teacher



- Classrooms equipped with necessary / compatible audio and visual tools to receive the broadcasts
- Onsite trained facilitators in each classroom
- Entry of attendance and grades
- Implementation of accommodations for students with 504 plans or IEPs
- Reliable internet and infrastructure



- Districts with unfilled teacher vacancies in critical areas
- Schools with small numbers of students in need of core classes
- Districts who experience staff transitions at critical points during the school year

#### What this Program is NOT...

A substitution for active, ongoing teacher recruitment

A replacement for engaging, high quality instruction delivered by existing teachers



- Most needed courses from the applications
- Additional courses to be consider on a month-tomonth bases
  - Application for this must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month

- Currently we have popular requests for the following courses:
- English I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Physical Science
- Foundations of Biology
- This list is not final and may change with the needs of the applications



#### Virtual School District Application





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