



MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER (CHIEF DEPUTY – TIER III) OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION NON-STATE SERVICE

Salary Range: \$101,626.42 - \$173,400.08

Salary will be negotiable and commensurate with experience.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) seeks a Chief Academic Officer (Chief Deputy - Tier III) for the Office of Academic Education.

This individual must possess the educational expertise to provide oversight and leadership of all activities and projects for the following program offices within the MDE: Office of Elementary Education and Reading, Office of Secondary Education, Office of Special Education, Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement, Office of Early Childhood Education, Office of Federal Programs, and the oversight of the State's special schools: Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead the State's work for all assigned reporting program offices in the development and implementation of instructional strategies and resources.
- Establish and maintain productive relationships with key state and national organizations related to academic education and college and career readiness.
- Prepare and provide oversight to the budgets and contracts related to the Office of Academic Education.
- Prepare information and presentations for the State Board of Education (SBE), the Mississippi Legislature, and various related commissions.
- Serve as a member of the Superintendent's Executive Leadership Team.
- Serve as the liaison with other offices and communicate regularly to ensure maximum efficiency in the delivery of services to schools and districts.
- Analyze, interpret, and execute effective decision-making strategies using multiple data sources to effectively guide the development and improvement of PreK-12 instructional programs.
- Provide public school officials with information regarding effective educational policies and procedures.
- Review and recommend appointment of personnel needed to perform the activities of the department.
- Establish positive working relationship with districts.
- Any additional duties as assigned by the State Superintendent of Education.

EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

A Master's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in education, school administration, or a closely related field, and eight (8) years of employment in work related to the responsibilities described above, five (5) years of which must have included line or functional supervision.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience supervising large and complex programs and projects.
- At least five (5) years of successful administrative experience in an accredited higher education, PreK-12 public, or private school system.
- Experience with research targeting student achievement in diverse educational settings.

APPLY

- Visit [Mississippi State Personnel Board](#) to apply
- Deadline: April 10, 2025

BENEFITS

- mdek12.org/humanresources/mde-employee-benefits/

INQUIRIES

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