OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Item
Consent Agenda
August 21, 2025

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

I.   <u>Approval of Mississippi Valley State University's request to establish a licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program</u>

<u>Background Information</u>: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 there is established within the MDE the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the Mississippi Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

On February 17, 2022, the State Board of Education approved to modify the existing Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (4-6) and establish a new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) option. The approved coursework included nine (9) hours of pre-teaching coursework, twelve (12) hours of literacy coursework, three (3) hours of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) methods **or** math methods, three (3) hours of research, and six (6) hours of internship. The Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education (K-6) licensure requirements include a minimum of 33 credit hours.

On July 11, 2025, at its regular meeting, the Licensure Commission granted approval of Mississippi Valley State University's request to establish a Mississippi State Board of Education approved licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program, licensure endorsement code 120.

Required Courses:
- ED 502 Classroom Management (3 hours)
- ED 503 Development, Assessment, and Evaluation (3 hours)
- ED 506 Dimension of Learning Internship Pt 1 (3 hours)
- ED 507 Dimension of Learning Internship Pt 2 (3 hours)
- ED 510 Research in Education (3 hours)
- ED 512 Technology for Teachers (3 hours)
- ED 523 Early Literacy I (3 hours)
- ED 525 Early Literacy II (3 hours)
- ED 529 Integrating Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3 hours)
- ED 545 Diagnosing and Assessing Reading Difficulties in Children (3 hours)
- ED 599 Comprehensive Exam (0 hours)

- SE 550 Assessment and Individualized Programming for Children with Disabilities (3 hours)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None