

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 25, 2025

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING

04.A. Action: Award discretionary grants for The Mississippi Teacher Residency (MTR) Program in Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education Mild/Moderate [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The program will provide grants to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to enroll candidates to complete an approved program to obtain their initial license or supplemental endorsement in Elementary Education (K-6) or Special Education Mild/Moderate in geographical critical shortage areas. The MTR is part of a statewide strategy to expand the teacher pipeline and retain highly effective teachers so that all students have teachers who are well-prepared, appropriately licensed, and who are equipped to support the academic progress of all students. Eligible IHEs include all public and private Mississippi IHEs that have a State Board of Education (SBE) approved initial licensure or supplemental endorsement program in Elementary Education (K-6) or Special Education Mild/Moderate.

During the residency program, IHEs, MS school districts, and the MDE contribute to a continuous and seamless cycle of support and participation thus ensuring that all students in Mississippi benefit from day-one ready, licensed educators. Grant funds will be used for program implementation, as well as for operating expenses to cover allowable costs for MTR candidates, including but not limited to tuition, licensure exam costs, mentor stipends, and other related costs.

Renewal of the grant for years two (2) through five (5) shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: September 29, 2025 – June 30, 2026
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2026)
- Award Amount: \$2,968,855.00
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State Funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A discretionary selection process was utilized to award grant(s).

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Grant Awards for The Mississippi Teacher Residency Program in Elementary
Education (K-6) and Special Education Mild/Moderate

Organization/IHE	Grant Award
1. Delta State University	\$280,000.00
2. Jackson State University	\$272,417.00
3. Mississippi College	\$119,684.00
4. Mississippi State University	\$1,298,981.00
5. Mississippi University for Women	\$140,000.00
6. Mississippi Valley State University	\$279,000.00
7. University of Mississippi	\$242,773.00
8. University of Southern Mississippi	\$196,000.00
9. William Carey University	\$140,000.00
Total	\$2,968,855.00

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts subject to state legislative appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.