

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
January 15, 2025

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

L. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Columbus Municipal School District for the use of their track and field facilities

Executive Summary

The document contains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) and the Columbus Municipal School District to utilize the track and field facilities for the purpose of MSMS track and field practice beginning February 1, 2026, through May 14, 2026.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
(MSMS)

And

Columbus Municipal School District

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (hereinafter, MSMS) and the Columbus Municipal School District (hereinafter, CMSD). This MOU sets forth the terms and understanding between MSMS and CMSD to utilize the Columbus High School (hereinafter, CHS) track and field facility for the purpose of MSMS track and field practices.

All parties agree to the following:

General

1. CMSD shall permit MSMS to utilize the CHS track and field facilities for the duration of the specified term of use.
2. The specific dates of usage will be **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** each week from 4:15 PM-6:00 PM.
3. MSMS will provide a practice schedule to the CHS Athletic Director for the dates that MSMS will not utilize the track and field facilities.

MSMS and CMSD Agreements and Responsibilities

4. MSMS cross country and track and field activities will be conducted at the CHS track and field facilities located at Columbus High school in Columbus, MS. While in CHS facilities and/or on CMSD property, the students, faculty, and staff of MSMS shall comply with all state and local laws and all applicable MSMS regulations and policies. Failure to follow these guidelines will subject the individual to the disciplinary procedures of MSMS and may result in dismissal from MSMS.
5. While on the CMSD/ CHS campus, students of MSMS must adhere to the MSMS code of conduct including any disciplinary actions. If the violation is such that the student is no longer allowed on the CMSD/CHS campus, then the MSMS shall follow necessary due process procedures that govern such actions.
6. MSMS shall be responsible for the transportation of MSMS students from the MSMS campus to the CHS track and field facility. MSMS shall be responsible for the

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7. MSMS shall be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the CHS track and field facilities during the specific periods of use.
8. CMSD/CHS shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the CHS track and field facilities at all times relevant hereto.

Funding

9. The Columbus Municipal School District has agreed to offer the Columbus High School track and field facility at no cost to MSMS.

Duration

10. This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from MSMS and Columbus High School. This MOU shall become effective February 1, 2026, upon signature by authorized officials from MSMS and CMSD and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the parties by mutual consent. In absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from MSMS and CMSD this MOU shall end on May 14, 2026.

Liability Statement

11. Liability is determined and controlled in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §§11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

Affirmation of Support

The undersigned acknowledge that they have read and approved the above and foregoing Memorandum of Understanding and that they have full legal authority to enter into this agreement. Witness our signatures and consent to the dates indicated below.

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