

**PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

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Education - General Education Programs

1 - Special Education

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

To provide a quality learning environment, including the screening, evaluation, and education of all children with disabilities through public school districts, other state agencies, and private and parochial schools.

**II. Program Objective:**

Screen and provide education to all children with disabilities to provide a quality education in the least restrictive environment of each child.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(D) Education Scholarships Account:**

An increase of \$2,000,000 in subsidies is requested to replace capital expense funds received in FY20 in SB 3049.

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2 - Child Nutrition

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

To provide leadership, guidance, training and technical assistance for local school districts, daycare centers, head start centers and residential child care institutions (RCCI) through administration of eight programs under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

**II. Program Objective:**

Ensure that every child is provided a well-balanced meal for the promotion of health and to foster a quality learning environment.

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3 - Special Projects

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Provide financial oversight of state funds disbursed to entities who are not under administration of the Department of Education, as determined through appropriation by the Mississippi Legislature.

**II. Program Objective:**

To successfully allocate dollars appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Education to qualifying entities statewide.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(D) Legislative Flow-Through Grants:**

A total decrease of \$7,716,182 is requested for programs funded through MDE's appropriation that flow through to other entities. The agency is requesting redirection of these funds to line items that support the vision, mission and goals of the MDE.

**FY21 Flowthroughs not requested:**

Dropout Prevention/Vicksburg-Leader in Me	75,000	
MS Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction	94,500	
Dubard School	575,000	
Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.	800,000	
Learning thru Sports/Kids College-Stride	600,000	
Magnolia Speech School	550,000	
MS Arts Commission-Arts Institute	40,000	
MS Autism	160,000	
MS Symphony	50,000	
New Learning Resource, Inc.	200,000	
Principal Corp.	400,000	
Save the Children Program	75,000	
Sight Savers	341,178	
Teach for America	1,800,000	
Teacher Corp.	200,000	
University of MS-Willie Price Lab School	200,000	
USM-Autism Program	40,000	
USM-Preschool Language Program (Children's Ctr for Comm)	574,032	
Very Special Arts Program	40,000	
Vision Screening Research (GF)	225,000	
Microsoft IT Academy	250,000	
Campus Knot	75,000	
Mastery Prep	75,000	
Jumpstart ACT	150,000	
General Funds	7,589,710	
Sight Savers Healthcare Expendable Funds	126,472	
Total All Funds	7,716,182	

Algebra Nation	700,000
Detention Centers	1,500,000
Literacy Based Promotion Pilot Program (Amplify)	800,000
MS Department of Health	700,000
World Class Teacher Program	600,000
MS Construction Education Program	112,500
Dyslexia Program	300,000
Total General Funds	4,712,500

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4 - Compulsory School Attendance

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

This program is responsible for the administration of a statewide system of enforcement of the Mississippi School Attendance Law (Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code) and for the supervision of school attendance officers throughout the state.

**II. Program Objective:**

Enforce the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law §37-13-91 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) Detention Centers:**

An increase of \$600,000 is requested to increase funding to each of the fifteen (15) Juvenile Detention Centers in the state to \$100,000 each in support of educational services to youth placed in the centers.

**(E) Compulsory School Attendance Operations:**

An increase of \$174,749 in salaries is requested to fund three (3) Division Director PINs to assist with supervision of School Attendance Officers and provide technical assistance on chronic absenteeism and foster care.

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5 - General Administration

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

To provide resources and technical support to Mississippi’s public school system.

**II. Program Objective:**

Ensure that MDE staff provide a responsive, supportive network to assist in the provision of technical guidance and support to school districts and public schools statewide.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) Operations Administration:**

An increase of \$25,129 in salaries is requested to fund one (1) Administrative Assistant I PIN to support the offices of Procurement, Compliance, and Grants Management.

**(E) Educator Misconduct Support:**

An increase in travel (\$2,945) and contractual (\$30,660) is requested investigate allegations of violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of alleged violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2. Total increase requested is \$33,605.

**(F) MDE Operations:**

Due to several years of level funding for operation, in addition to budget cuts, MDE has not been able to provide sufficient support to school districts and maintain operations. Additional travel funds will allow more technical assistance visits to districts. In an effort to minimize cuts to programs that would directly affect providing services to school districts, MDE leadership made the decision to absorb these cuts through agency operations, leaving offices' non-personnel budgets at minimum levels. This increase request will allow MDE to bring agency operations back to a level where it can adequately provide support services to school districts. Cuts were made to all categories and restoration is reflected in all categories throughout MDE's agency operations request. The request includes \$387,538 in travel, \$493,769 in contractual, \$194,613 in commodities and \$1,013,966 in subsidies. Total requested is \$2,163,246.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(G) MS Community Oriented Policing Services (MCOPS) Expansion:**

An increase in general funds of \$1,000,000 is requested to increase the number of awards to local education agencies to support School Resource Officers (SROs) to engage in community policing in and around schools.

**(H) Teacher Payraise Decrease:**

A decrease in general fund subsidies in the amount of \$58,442,743 is requested for the FY20 teacher pay raise that was included in General Education's FY20 appropriation.

**(I) Upgrade to Mississippi Student Information System (MSIS):**

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An increase of \$3.5M in contractual is requested to modernize the Mississippi Student Information System through a data warehouse. The system is over twenty years old and in need of upgrading. A decrease in the amount of \$500,000 in contractual in one time capital expense funds is requested.

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6 - Graduation & Career Readiness

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

To provide resources to help increase the number of students exiting high school ready for post-secondary opportunities (college or career related).

**II. Program Objective:**

Provide curriculum, professional development, and technical assistance for program improvement to strengthen the career pathways both academically and through career and technical education.



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7 - Special Schools

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

MS School for Math & Science provides educational opportunities for academically gifted and talented high school students in a residential setting. MSMS is located on the campus of the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS. MS School of the Arts is a residential high school located in Brookhaven, MS, with emphasis on the arts.

**II. Program Objective:**

The objective of MSMS & MSA is to offer students a unique learning experience based upon their needs, interests, capabilities, and past experiences.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) MS School of the Arts:**

An increase is requested in operational cost for MS School of the Arts for increased costs for food, utilities and essential services for the 24 hour a day/7 day a week programs. The request also includes one (1) Bureau Director II, one (1) Media Arts Teacher, one (1) LPN II, one (1) General Service Employee and one (1) Residential Education Parent. Increase by category: \$211,399 in salaries, \$96,692 in contractual, \$27,493 in commodities and \$3,603 in subsidies. Total requested is \$339,187.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(E) MS School for Math & Science:**

An increase of \$440,154 is requested to provide additional science and engineering supplies and an increase in operational costs as a result of an increase in student enrollment. Additionally, the increase will cover the cost of maintenance on buses and aging facilities.

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8 - Early Childhood Education

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Implement evaluation, professional development, policy development, resource development, stewardship, research, and advocacy strategies to produce high-quality programs in public schools and collaboratives to increase access to high-quality programs.

**II. Program Objective:**

Increase access and attendance to high-quality early childhood programs.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(D) Expansion of Early Childhood Education Pilot Programs:**

An increase of \$3,276,616 in subsidies is requested to provide grants to early learning collaboratives for the expansion of legislatively established Early Learning Collaboratives across the state. These funds will be granted to collaborative leads to provide Pre-K services to 4-year-old children and increase the number of seats to 4,186 (currently 2,782).

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9 - Teacher Tng & Professional Dev

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

This program provides for training through the State Department of Education for local school district administrators and teachers, to ensure that every school has effective teachers and leaders.

**II. Program Objective:**

Determine areas of need through analysis of new or existing legislative requirements, changes in academic standards, and educator feedback and provide professional development to address those needs.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(D) Professional Development:**

Additional funds are requested to expand professional development & knowledge for teachers and principals on Mississippi-College and Career- Readiness Standards (MSCCRS) through teacher standards institutes. Funds will also allow for the expansion and delivery of online professional development and increase the adoption of high-quality instructional materials and aligned professional development to ensure greater student achievement for all students.

**Increase**

includes one (1) Office Director II position. Increase includes \$83,850 in salaries, \$800 in travel, \$177,100 in contractual, \$676 in commodities, \$10,000 in equipment for a total increase of \$272,426.

**(E) Superintendents' and Principals' Academies:**

An increase in general funds is requested to restore support for both a new and aspiring Superintendents' & Principals' Academies. Funding was not received for this initiative in FY20. Prior to the reduction, three cohorts of superintendents were trained using the nationally recognized Lamar University Superintendents' Academy model. Retention rates of superintendents who participated and feedback from participants continue to support the need for this initiative. Total increase requested is \$500,000. Increase by category: \$30,000 in travel, \$400,000 in contractual and \$70,000 in commodities.

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10 - Elementary Education

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Assist district personnel in improving classroom instruction through the development, revision, and training of Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks. Through training development, help district personnel implement state standards, as well as best practices for improving student achievement.

**II. Program Objective:**

Implement the Literacy-Based Promotion Act with fidelity and ensure that every student is reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(D) Expansion of Literacy Program:**

An increase of \$1,093,144 in general funds is needed for an expansion of literacy coaches to support classroom teachers through coaching, learning walks, and professional development across the state in the area of K-3 literacy. Funds will also support an additional 15 Educators in Residence literacy coaches to support literacy instruction and to award discretionary grants to districts for the purchase of K-Readiness assessment and screeners.

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11 - Secondary Education

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Secondary Education assists district personnel in improving classroom instruction through the development, revision and training on our Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards in both Academic and Career Technical Education (CTE).

**II. Program Objective:**

Develop ACT preparation class curriculum to assist teachers with ACT test preparation and provide professional development for school districts in a regional setting.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) Middle/High School Innovation & Redesign:**

An increase of \$344,541 is requested in general funds to support districts of innovation implementation, the recently-launched Innovation Lab Network, early college high schools, middle school redesign efforts and similar programs.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(E) Secondary Education Programs & Professional Development:**

An increase in salaries is requested for two (2) Office Director II PINs to serve as science and math content leads. Additional funding is requested for expanded professional development and e-transcripts, as well as coordination and alignment of efforts from Pre-K to postsecondary education. Total increase requested is 1,903,039. A decrease of \$1,000,000 in state support special funds is requested for FY20 capital expense funds received.

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12 - Assessment & Development

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Responsible for administering all state and federally mandated assessment programs for students in Mississippi's public schools and the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community.

**II. Program Objective:**

Ensure every school has access to a valid, reliable, and secure testing environment for statewide assessments.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) Increase for Statewide Student Assessments:**

An increase in general funds of \$290,295 in contractual is requested to cover the increased cost of statewide student testing. These funds are used to administer state and federally mandated assessment programs for students in Mississippi's public schools.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(E) \* Assessment Integrity:**

An increase in general funds of \$278,290 is requested to ensure the integrity of assessments through investigation of testing irregularities and/or cheating in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. 37-16-4. The request includes three (3) Office Director II positions.

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13 - Federal Program (COMP ED)

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Provide technical assistance, monitoring, evaluation, and program improvement to school districts who are implementing Title I programs and to provide leadership in the effective use of federal funds so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community.

**II. Program Objective:**

The objective of this program is to provide compensatory educational services to students who are achieving below average as compared to their peers and ensures compliance with regulations as well as to assure the quality of the program and the instructional delivery being utilized with at-risk populations.

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Education - General Education Programs

14 - School Performance

Name of Agency

Program Name

**I. Program Description:**

Supports the systemic improvement of the lowest performing schools and districts in the State of Mississippi, as well as all turnaround efforts in the state.

**II. Program Objective:**

Provide support in the development and implementation of site specific action plans focused on academic achievement for all students.

**III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 6-15 (FY 2020 & FY 2021 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:**

**(D) School Improvement :**

An increase of \$175,625 is requested to fund one (1) Educ-Bureau Director II to serve as Director of School Improvement Applications and one (1) Office Director II position to support school improvement data analysis in addition to support for professional learning aligned to data.

**IV. Additional program activities that will result from increased funding requested in Columns 16-25 (MBR-1-03) and specified Budget Decision Unit Columns (MBR-1-03-A):**

**(E) Accreditation Review Teams:**

An increase of \$308,484 in general funds is requested to conduct on-site review of compliance with accreditation standards, provide technical assistance/professional development and to conduct follow-up visits to verify compliance with accreditation standards in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6.

**(F) Achievement School District:**

An increase of 250,000 is requested to support oversight of the lowest performance districts and schools under the auspices of the Achievement School District.