

04. Approval to award grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the State as authorized under Section 1003(g) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 1003(g)							
District	School	Tier Ranking	Award Amount FY12	Award Amount FY13	Award Amount FY14	Total Award Amount	Transformation Model
Kemper County School District	West Kemper Elementary	Tier I	\$979,657.46	\$979,657.46	\$979,657.46	\$2,938,972.38	Transformation
Holmes County School District	Williams Sullivan Elementary	Tier I	840,000.00	840,000.00	840,000.00	2,520,000.00	Turnaround
West Bolivar School District	West Bolivar Middle	Tier I	960,337.00	960,337.00	737,750.00	2,658,424.00	Transformation
Okolona School District	Okolona High School	Tier II	1,190,300.10	939,142.07	665,194.16	2,794,636.33	Transformation
Hollandale School District	Simmons High School	Tier II	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	Transformation
TOTALS			\$4,970,294.56	\$4,719,136.53	\$4,222,601.62	\$13,912,032.71	

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts dependent upon congressional appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.

The first competition for FY2009 SIG funds did not result in all Tier I schools in the State being served, therefore the SEA was required to carry over 25 percent of its FY2009 funds to award along with its FY2010 SIG funds.

Prioritization

Criterion 1—Tier I Designation: First, MDE will serve all Tier I schools. To prioritize among Tier I schools, MDE will apply the following criteria:

- Schools in LEAs under state conservatorship
- Schools designated as “failing” under the state accountability system in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- Schools designated as “failing” under the state accountability system not in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- All schools in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- All remaining Tier I schools, ranked by Mississippi’s Quality Distribution Index

Criterion 2—Tier II Designation: After all Tier I schools have been served, MDE will serve Tier II schools. To prioritize among Tier II schools, MDE will apply the following criteria:

- Schools in LEAs under state conservatorship
- Schools designated as “failing” under the state accountability system in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- Schools designated as “failing” under the state accountability system not in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- All schools in LEAs designated as “failing” under the state accountability system
- All remaining Tier II schools, ranked by Mississippi’s Quality Distribution Index