

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS & SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 20, 2011**

**MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

- M. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2011-2012 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar

**Executive Summary**

The document contains handbook and an academic calendar for students attending the Mississippi School for the Deaf. It details the policies and procedures regarding general information, academic expectations, student services, health services, visitors on campus, school safety and transportation, technology, and discipline.

This document has the following changes:

- Dates to reflect the 2011-2012 school year
- Update Administrative Staff (Page 4)
- Insert Communication Directory (Page 7)
- Update MSD's Philosophy Statement (page 8)
- Update Educational Options (Pages 9-10)
- Update Admissions Policy (Page 11)
- Update IEP Information (Page 12)
- Update Confidential Policy (Page 13)
- Inserted Anti-Bullying Policy (Page 15-17)
- Updated Family Involvement Information (Page 23)
- Added Language about Elementary Dorms' renovation (Page 38)
- Added Language about the role of MSD's Counselors (Page 49)
- Added Medication & Illness Policies and Procedures (Page 50)
- Inserted Suicide Policy (Page 54-56)
- Inserted Language pertaining to Visitation Policy (Pages 60)
- Inserted Language pertaining On-Campus Safety Policy (Pages 62)
- Inserted Language pertaining to Cell Phones and Other Personal Communication Devices (Page 65)
- Inserted Language pertaining to Standard Telephone and Internet Access and Network and Computer Usage (Page 66)

Back-up material attached

Recommendation: Approval