

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 17-18, 2011

TEACHER CENTER

23. Approval to modify the existing Mississippi Teacher Appraisal System for use in the Teacher Incentive Fund Grant School Districts
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedure Act Process with or with no public comment)

Mississippi, like many other states, is in the process of developing a comprehensive teacher evaluation system that not only will identify highly effective teachers but will also provide data and feedback that can be used to improve teacher practice. Over the past year, the American Institutes for Research has worked with stakeholders to redesign the current Mississippi Teacher Appraisal System. This system will be piloted in Teacher Incentive Fund Grant districts to evaluate the effectiveness of educators which will satisfy the requirements of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program and the Teacher Incentive Fund Grant. In addition, the system will align with the State Board's strategy to increase teacher quality.

The new streamlined system will focus on five domains to ensure alignment with research based best practices. Additionally, the new system will move from standards to domains, maintain multiple performance levels, provide clear descriptors for rating levels, incorporate student growth measures, and include a teacher self-reflection instrument. The ultimate goal of all teacher evaluations should be to improve teaching and learning.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached