# District of Innovation

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# Meeting Agenda

- District of Innovation Overview
- District of Innovation Process
- District of Innovation Working Group Update
- Next Steps

# District of Innovation Overview

- The purpose of a District of Innovation or School of Innovation is to better prepare students for success in life and work.

# District of Innovation Overview

- Districts offering innovative programs may need flexibility to meet goals and performance targets in the following areas:

- Reducing achievement gaps among groups of public school students who are identified as academically low-achieving

- Increasing pupil learning through the implementation of high, rigorous standards

- Increasing participation of all students or subgroups of students in various curriculum

- Increasing the number of students who are college- and career-ready and reduce the number of students that exit high school in need of remediation

- Motivating students by expanding curriculum choices and learning opportunities

# District of Innovation Overview

- **Current Districts of Innovation:**
    - Corinth School District 2016
    - Gulfport School District 2016
    - Vicksburg Warren School District 2016
    - Baldwyn School District and Booneville School District 2017
    - Grenada School District 2017
    - Hinds County School District 2018

# District of Innovation Overview

| Average Daily Membership vs. Average Daily Attendance | Seat Time | Required Number of Class Days | Carnegie Units | Blended Curriculum | Gifted Student Requirements |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 of 5 | 5 of 5 | 1 of 5 | 4 of 5 | 4 of 5 | 1 of 5 |

| ACT Aspire vs. MAAP Assessment | MAAP Testing Schedule | Accountability Model with CTE | Teacher Certification | Maximum Number of Students Taught Daily |
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| 1 of 5 | 2 of 5 | 1 of 5 | 4 of 5 | 1 of 5 |

*Note – The Hinds County application is not posted online, so their waiver requests are not included.

# District of Innovation Overview

- **Average Daily Membership instead of Average Daily Attendance** – Grenada, Corinth, Vicksburg-Warren

- **Seat time** – Grenada, Booneville/Baldwyn, Corinth, Gulfport, Vicksburg-Warren

- **Required number of class days** – Vicksburg-Warren

- **Carnegie units** – Grenada, Corinth, Gulfport, Vicksburg-Warren

- **Blended curriculum** – Grenada, Corinth, Gulfport, Vicksburg-Warren

- **Gifted student requirements** - Corinth

- **ACT Aspire instead of Mississippi Statewide Assessment System for Accountability** – Grenada

- **MAAP testing schedule related to assessment dates** – Booneville/Baldwyn, Corinth

- **Accountability model based on career and technical course participation and proficiency** – Booneville/Baldwyn

- **Teacher certification** – Booneville/Baldwyn, Corinth, Gulfport, Vicksburg-Warren

- **Maximum number of students taught in a day** – Vicksburg-Warren

# District of Innovation Process

- **Year prior** – Notify the designated MDE office of interest or intent to apply for District of Innovation status by August 31.

- **August to October** – Work with MDE contact and stakeholders to develop plan for the innovative school district.

- **November 1** – Submit plans to the designated MDE office for schools planning to open in the following year.

- **December** – Prepare district leadership. Key stakeholders from districts will participate in MDE interview.

- **February** – Present recommendations to the State Board of Education.

- **March** – District of Innovation notifications.

# District of Innovation Working Group Update

- **Participants –** All Principals (ECEC – High School), Rob Picou, Kim Britton, Andy Cantrell, Corlis Curry, Paige Tidwell, Gregg Ellis, Brenda Meriweather, Genna McAlpin, Stewart McMillan

- **Outcomes –** Identified key needs and trends across grade levels bands, Provided feedback on needs to prioritize

- **Next Steps with Working Group –** Status update e-mails after upcoming events

# District of Innovation Next Steps

- **District of Innovation Research –** Mississippi Department of Education relationship building, District of Innovation webinar, Networking and meeting with current Districts of Innovation [Corinth, Grenada, and Booneville/Baldwyn prioritized]

- **Stakeholder Meetings** – Parent Advisory Group Meeting, Teacher Advisory Group Meeting, Student Council Meetings, Community Advisory Group Meeting

- **Broader Stakeholder Input** – Comprehensive Needs Assessment

- **Future Steps** – Committees created related to the major District of Innovation Workstreams

# Questions or Comments…

# Have a great day!