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**FEDERAL AID TO
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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The Jackson County School Board strives to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the children in the district by seeking as many sources of revenue as possible to supplement the funds provided by local taxation and the basic aid program offered by the state.

Therefore, the district shall participate in federal financial assistance programs which provide direct educational and auxiliary services or opportunities to students enrolled in the school. The following procedures shall be employed when administering federal programs:

1. Federal funds will not be used for partisan political activity of any kind by any person or organization involved in the administration of federal-assisted programs. Prohibited expenditures shall include but not limited to the purchase of partisan political materials, contributions to any candidate for public office, and use of school property, equipment or employees in support of a candidate(s).
2. No person shall, on the grounds of race, sex, color, national origin, age, religion or disability, be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds.
3. The local school district may use federal funds so restricted (i.e. - Title I, Title ~~V~~II, etc.) only to supplement and to the extent practical, increase the level of non-federal funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for the education of pupils participating. In order to assure equitable distribution of funds, the school district will not use federal funds so restricted to provide services to students that the district is required to furnish.
4. A school district management system will require that federal draws be made to minimize the time elapsed between the transfer of funds from the State Department of Education and the disbursement of funds by the local school district.
5. The school district will observe all applicable state and federal laws and guidelines regarding receipts, expenditures, accounting and reports for materials and equipment received from federal funds.
6. The school district will follow all applicable federal guidelines in determining services that are allowed and will adhere to all restrictions in the approved project applications.
7. The combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the district from state and local funds for free public education for the school year will be at least ninety (90) percent of the combined fiscal effort per student or aggregate expenditures for the preceding year, unless specifically waived by the state.
9. Title I, P.L. 94-142, P.L. 99-457, and P.L. 89-313 funds will be used to provide programs which, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services being provided in areas not receiving Title I funds.

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10. The Title I project will be based on an annual assessment of educational needs.
11. Parental involvement and support will be encouraged and implemented as required by federal guidelines in all federal programs. Parents/guardians will be asked to participate in and will be kept abreast of their child's instructional progress in all federal programs.
12. The District will enter all approved MDE Title budgets and budget amendments into its accounting software as required by MDE to ensure alignment and tracking of federal funds approved by MDE.
13. The District will ensure all Title budgets and expenditures for all federal programs are: allocable, reasonable and necessary, meets program intent and purposes, aligned with approved application and amendments on file at MDE, and obligated and liquidated in accordance with the approved plan within the approved grant period according with federal and state law.
14. The District will adhere to all guidelines prescribed in OMB Circular A-87, Appendix B.8.h regarding compensation for personal services which states, "Where employees are expected to work solely on a single Federal award or cost objective, charges for their salaries and wages will be supported by periodic certifications that the employees worked solely on that program for the period covered by the certification. These certifications will be prepared at least semi-annually and will be signed by the employee or supervisory official having first-hand knowledge of the work performed by the employee.

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code Section 37-7-301

References: Improving America's School Act; P.L. 94-142, P.L. 99-457, P.L. 89-313; Accreditation Requirements of the State Board of Education, Bulletin 171, (1997) OMB Circular A-87, Federal Administration section of 34 CFR 80.20(b)(4) and 80.30; OMB Circular A-87, Appendix B.8.h