



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Reading, Early Childhood and Language Arts

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of
Rule: MS State Code §37-13-3 and MS State Code §43-1-65

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule: N/A

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: In accordance with MS State
Code §37-13-3 2) (a), the State Board of Education shall adopt and maintain a curriculum and a course of study to be used
in the public schools that is designed to prepare the state's children and youth to be productive, informed, creative citizens,
workers and leaders, and it shall regulate all matters arising in the practical administration of the school system not otherwise
provided for. The Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Four Year Old Children is the newly revised curriculum guide
for teaching four year old children in Mississippi.

In addition, MS State Code §43-1-65 charges DHS with the establishment of a Quality Rating System. The QRS criteria will
be the basis, at minimum, for the QRS, and shall address the following components: administrative policy, professional
development, learning environment, and parental involvement and evaluation. Implementation of the Mississippi Early
Learning Guidelines is a required component of the QRS.

This rule is proposed as a [x] Final Rule, and/or a [] Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above
address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and
if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

[] An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at
the above address at least ___ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should
include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or
attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

[x] An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding
will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10)
persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty
(20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone
number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone
number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

[x] The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

[] The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: October 20, 2006

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: December 15, 2006

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