

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE



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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Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the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: MS Curriculum Guidelines for Four Year
Old Children

Date Rule Proposed: October 20, 2006

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.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: {Insert Date}
Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

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

Effective Date of Rule: March 16, 2007

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