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Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions	3106
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In accordance with Section 43-21-321 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, educational provisions are required for all compulsory school age students detained in a youth detention center facility.

1. The local school district in the county in which the detention center is located, or a private provider agreed upon by the youth court judge and sponsoring school district shall provide a certified teacher to provide educational services to detainees. {43-21-321(6)(p)}

2. Teacher selection shall be in consultation with the youth court judge. {43-21-321(6)(o)}

3. Teacher must be highly qualified. {MS Code 37-9-7} (NCLB and Federal Code)

4. The school district or private provider may be reimbursed the salary of the teacher, based upon actual certification, not to exceed 187 days. The reimbursement calculation will be determined by the amount appropriated annually by the state legislature which will be divided evenly amongst the seventeen sponsoring school districts.

5. School districts may pay the certified teacher assigned to the detention center according to the district-level salary schedule; the district will be responsible for paying any amount in excess of the aforementioned amount.

6. The teacher assigned to the detention center is required to follow the sponsoring school district's school 187 day calendar.

7. The sponsoring school district or a private provider agreed upon by the youth court judge and sponsoring school district, shall be responsible for providing the necessary instructional program for students with special needs. {43-21-321(6)(o)} After forty-eight (48) hours of detention, during the regular academic school year , the detainee shall receive the following services which may be computer-based:
   a. Diagnostic assessment of grade-level mastery of reading and math skills;
   b. Individualized instruction and practice to address any weaknesses identified in the assessment; and
   c. Character education to improve behavior. {43-21-321(6)(p)}

8. Sponsoring school district shall work collaboratively with each detainee's home school and juvenile detention staff to provide special education services as required by state and federal law. {43-21-321(6)(o)}

9. When a youth has been receiving special education services in his/her public school placement, and is admitted with an existing Individual Education Program (IEP), it is the responsibility of the educational personnel at the detention center to ensure the continued implementation of the IEP with modifications, as may be necessary, due to the nature of the youth's detainment. Children without an IEP should receive educational services with a curriculum that follows as closely as possible to the student's home school.

10. A team consisting of a certified teacher provided by the local sponsoring school district or a private provider agreed upon by the youth court judge and sponsoring school district, the appropriate official from the home school district, and the youth court counselor or representative will develop an individualized education program for the detainee. The detainee's parent or guardian shall participate on the team unless excused by the youth court judge. Failure of any party to participate shall not delay implementation of this education program. {43-21-321(6)(q)}

11. The structure of educational provisions shall be determined by the aforementioned team of individuals.

12. The Mississippi Department of Education will collaborate with the appropriate state and local agencies, juvenile detention centers and local school districts to ensure that educational services are provided to every student placed in a juvenile detention center. Educational services may include, but not be limited to: assessment in math, reading, character education and behavioral counseling. The educational structure shall be individualized for each detainee by the sponsoring school district in collaboration with the home school and juvenile detention center. {43-21-321(6)(s)}

13. The local home school district shall be defined as the school district where the detainee last attended prior to detention. {43-21-321(6)(o)}

14. For students detained ten days or more, during the normal academic school, will begin an extended educational program. {43-21-321(6)(q)}

15. The teacher assigned to the detention center shall participate in transition team meetings. {43-21-321(6)(w)}

16. The sponsoring school districts shall maintain and update the computer labs. {43-21-321(6)(r)}

17. Students in the youth detention center shall not be classified as absent.