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TO: District Superintendents and Secondary Vocational Directors/Contact Persons
FROM: Jean Massey, Associate State Superintendent
Office of Career and Technical Education
DATE: October 21, 2011
RE: **Revision of State Board Policies**

The State Board of Education, on October 21, 2011, approved the Office of Career and Technical Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process for the following items:

To revise State Board Policies 8205-9201, 8201, 8204, 8207, 8213, 8302, 8401, 8402, 8403, 8500, 8801, 9000, 9202, 9205

A copy of the policy revisions/deletions can be viewed from the following site:

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/vocational/OVTE/>

Written comments must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011** and should be addressed to: **Mrs. Jean Massey, Associate State Superintendent of Career and Technical Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson MS 39205-0771.**

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MEMORANDUM #11.096

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DESCRIPTOR TERM: Assurance of Equal Access to Career and Technical Education Programs	CODE: 8204
ADOPTION DATE: June 25, 1985	REVISION: November 18, 2011

STATE BOARD POLICY

Assurance of Equal Access to Career and Technical Education Programs

Each local educational agency requesting financial assistance from the Office of Career and Technical Education for the conduct of Career and Technical Education programs and services shall provide an Assurance of Compliance with the Vocational Education Program Guidelines for eliminating discrimination and denial of services on the basis of race, color, natural origin, sex and handicap of March 21, 1979. This assurance shall be submitted with the local annual plan for Career and Technical Education and shall indicate that the recipient does not discriminate in providing career programs and services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, age or religion.

The Office of Career and Technical Education shall assist the local educational agencies in determining their compliance status by monitoring a minimum of ten percent (10%) of all local educational agencies annually and by responding to any request for specific assistance. Monitoring activities may include:

- A. State-level desk review;
- B. On-site review;
- C. Review of local annual program plans and other related information; and
- D. Follow-up on previously reviewed local educational agencies to determine how well they may be following their remedial plans.

Legal Reference: Federal Register, Vol. 44, No. 56 - Wednesday, March 21, 1979 and embracing Acts: 45 CFR Part 80, 45 CFR Part 84, and 45 CFR Part 86
Public Law 105-332, Sec. 316 <Note: 20USC 2396>

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The Office of **Career** and Technical Education shall assist the local educational agencies in determining their compliance status by monitoring a minimum of ~~twenty-ten~~ **ten** percent (**10%**) of all local educational agencies annually and by responding to any request for specific assistance.

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