

Guide to Mississippi Education Resources

General Information

- 📖 **Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Public Education** [201.1: AN State Docs] - access information on school districts, finance, personnel and pupil data, and facilities. Roberts-LaForge Library holds print copies from 1995-2005. The report for the school year 2009-2010 is available online at: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/superintendentsannualreport/2009-2010_Superintendent_Annual_Report.pdf Older reports are available at: <http://orshome.mde.k12.ms.us/ors/reports.html>
- 📖 **Mississippi Educational Directory** [201.5: Di Gov-Docs] - locate a member of the Mississippi Department of Education, a district superintendent, or a specific Education department. Available in print from 1995-2003. The most recent directory is online at <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/> and select the “MDE Directories” links provided.
- 📖 **Mississippi Report Card** [201.1: RC Gov-Docs] - access important statistical information on state, district, and school report cards in Mississippi. Various editions are available in print from 1994-2002. Online information is available at: <http://www.msreportcard.com/>
- 📖 **Public School Enrollment** [201A.1: SE Gov-Docs] – sporadic data reports available beginning in 1994-2006 in print. Available from <http://orshome.mde.k12.ms.us/ors/CombIndex2010.html>
- 📖 **School Dropouts** [201A.1: SD State Docs] – various editions available from 2001-2002. Other general data concerning dropout rates is available from: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/Dropout_Prevention/rate_information.html
- 📖 **School Web Sites**– a directory for Mississippi public school district web sites and available from: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/oetms.htm>
- 🔗 **Educational Resources**– presents links to selected Mississippi Department of Education information and general education-oriented sites. Available from :<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/resources.htm>

Standards

- 🔗 **Assessment and Accountability Reporting System** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ORS/>] –contains a variety of information dealing with student assessment and accountability in the state of Mississippi. The site may be searched to retrieve data concerning specific school districts or individual schools (beginning with the 1998-1999 school year) as well as locating information such as state Superintendent’s Annual Reports and approved courses for secondary schools in Mississippi.
- 🔗 **K12 Curriculum Framework** [http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/Curriculum/index_1.htm] – provides the standards and requirements that students should meet at each level. The Pre-K framework is also available from the site.
- 🔗 **Office of Instructional Programs and Services** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/IPS/index.html>] – presents reports, recent presentation/ conference data and instructional program information concerning policy initiation recommendations and technical assistance for teaching and learning for children in grades K-12 in Mississippi
- 🔗 **Office of Accreditation** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/accred.html>] – access to current information on Mississippi public and nonpublic school accountability and accreditation status.
- 🔗 **Mississippi Office of Healthy Schools** [<http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/>]-povides a multitude of information concerning school health and safety issues such as guidelines for creating safe and orderly schools, nutrition education for school cafeteria programs, and physical education activities for all Mississippi school children.

Student Information

- 🔗 **Home Schooling in Mississippi** [<http://www.hslda.org/hs/state/MS/>] – information and web links concerning home school legislation, support for students and parents/caregivers, and home school options in Mississippi.
- 🔗 **Graduation Requirements** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/osa/index.html>] – State Board of Education/Office of Student Assessment guidelines for high school graduation requirements in Mississippi.
- 🔗 **Student Assessment** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/osa/index.html>] – presents policies and practice tests for a number of testing programs including the Grade Level Testing Program, the Subject Area Testing Program, and the Writing Assessments. Statistical test data dating back to 1999 are also available.
- 🔗 **Mississippi Virtual Public School** [<http://www.mvps.mde.k12.ms.us/>]- provides information concerning online educational services through the Mississippi Department of Education. Sections of the site include

online course registration and offerings, technical requirements, a section for frequently asked questions, and in-depth information for counselors, instructors, and students.

Teacher Information

- ☞ **Mississippi Teacher Center** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/mtc/index.htm>] – teacher retention, recruitment and support programs instituted by the Mississippi Department of Education.
- ☞ **Salary Schedule** [http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/financial_accountability/teacher_salary_schedule.html] – salary tables for Mississippi teachers and other financial service resources
- ☞ **Teacher Licensure** [http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_licensure/index.html] – information concerning to obtain and renew teaching licenses in Mississippi. Also, included is information pertaining to Highly Qualified Teacher status, Praxis tests, types and class levels of licenses, and Alternate Route licensure.
- ☞ **General Information Orientated for Teachers and Education** [<http://teachertalk.us/>] – a wealth of education-oriented information is provided on the site such as news about state teachers and accomplishments, links to education/teaching publications, and job vacancies within the state

Instructional Resources Center (IRC) Materials at the Roberts-LaForge Library

- **State Adopted Textbooks:** the State Department of Education has placed on open reserve all current textbooks from the state-adopted list. Although these textbooks are available to the general public, they are considered state property and may only be used in the IRC.
- **Textbooks:** these include K-12 textbooks on all subjects that may be checked out. Teacher editions and workbooks are also available.
- **Teacher Resources:** over 1,000 teacher activity books devoted to classroom management, lesson plans, bulletin board ideas, games and activities, literature units, etc. Titles are grouped by general subject areas, i.e. Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Thematic Units, Art, Music, Finger Play, Computers, Study Skills, and Assessment. These very popular resources provide teachers with many creative and timesaving ideas to design lesson units. The Teacher Resources may be located through the on-line catalog and are for library use only.

Additional Resources

- ☞ **Educator's Desk Reference** [<http://www.eduref.org>] – *Educator's Desk Reference* is one of the most solid reliable teacher resources on the Internet. It provides a Yahoo style directory of sites for topics such as classroom management, motivation, professional development, and educational technology. A reference section also handily points to statistics, employment opportunities, and government resources. The *Desk Reference* also links to lesson plans, the ERIC database, and a searchable question archive. Although the archive is from the defunct AskERIC Web site, the information is still worthwhile.
- ☞ **National Center for Educational Statistics** [<http://nces.ed.gov>] – NCES, located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences, is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education. Particularly useful is the Digest of Education Statistics produced each year and made available through the website.
- ☞ **U.S. Department of Education** [<http://www.ed.gov/>]- the website of the U.S. Department of Education providing online resources, information, and teaching aids for students, teachers, administrators, and parents
- ☞ **PBS Teachers** [<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>]-a wide variety of audio, video, and print resources developed by the Public Broadcasting Service for preschoolers through high school and beyond. An excellent section is also provided for teachers.

**For access to other government documents related to education, please see the "Government Documents" link on the Roberts-LaForge Library homepage at <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/788.asp>*

**To find out more about Mississippi Department of Education resources, publications, and guidelines, please visit <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/>*

**To find a variety of educational-oriented materials online through the Roberts-LaForge Library's webpage, please visit: <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/177.asp>.*

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