

Subject Guide to School Law

Browsing the School Law Collection

The call number headings for school law are K and KFM. However, some books on school law are classified in the L's (Education). In the event that you do not find what you are looking for by simply browsing, please consult the online catalog.

KF 4010-4257	Laws of Education
KF 4121	Laws of Education Administration
KF 4151-4155	Students Right to Education; Discrimination & Segregation
KF 4175	Teachers; Tenure
KFM 6690	School Law of Mississippi

Selected Reference Books

- 📖 **Deskbook Encyclopedia of American School Law** [KF 4114 .D46 2008 Ref] – compiles and indexes state and federal judicial cases and contains a helpful table of contents, a subject index, a list of cases, and a table of cases by state.
- 📖 **Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors** [Ready Reference Z695.1 .E3 T49 2001 Ref] – a list of controlled vocabulary (subject terms) used to describe and index articles, books, reports, etc. contained in the ERIC database.
- 📖 **West's Encyclopedia of American Law** [KF 154 .W47 2005 Ref, 13 vols] – layperson's guide to the American legal system; articles on important court cases and legal issues, ranging from a paragraph to several pages in length.

Selected Mississippi Department of Education Publications

Policies and guides from the Mississippi Department of Education.

- 🔗 **Office of Accreditation** <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/accred.html> – contains accreditation information for Mississippi's public and nonpublic schools
- 🔗 **Public School Accountability Standards 2010** http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/Final_2010_11-30-10_manual.pdf – Contains accreditation policies, performance standards, process standards, appendices, and a glossary.
- 🔗 **Nonpublic School Accountability Standards** <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/accred/NPRegs.doc> – contains nonpublic school accreditation policies, standards, appendices, and a glossary.
- 🔗 **School Employment Procedures Handbook** http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/human_resources/policy_manual.html – provides policies as well as examples for dealing with matters related to school personnel.
- 🔗 **State Board of Education Policy Manual** http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/SBE_policymanual/Index.htm – spells out the State Board of Education's decisions on various issues, arranged by topic. Click on Index to see all of the policies.

Laws and Regulations

Federal

- 📖 **Code of Federal Regulations** [Gov Docs AE 2.106/3 or 🔗 <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>] – administrative laws, or the rules and regulations of federal agencies, arranged by subject. The Subject Index is the last volume in the set. Recent and proposed administrative laws are published in the **Federal Register** [Gov Docs AE 2.106 or 🔗 <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/index.html>] and changes to the *Code of Federal Regulations* are compiled monthly in the **List of Sections Affected** [Gov Docs AE 2.106/2 or 🔗 <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/lssa/about.html>].
- 📖 **United States Code** [KF 44 .C4 Ref] – official version of the federal laws arranged by subject. May search via the subject index or by the popular name of the law. Print set is fully revised every 6 years, so check the supplements for recent changes. Unofficial version is available on the Web at 🔗 <http://uscode.house.gov/search/criteria.shtml>

- ☞ **United States Statutes at Large** [Gov Docs AE 2.111, 1974-present] – federal laws arranged chronologically. Useful if you want to see an individual Public Law, rather than all the laws on a particular subject. The latest Public Laws can be found in Gov Docs AE 2.110 or ☞ <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/laws/current.html>

State of Mississippi

- ☞ **General Laws of Mississippi** [KFM 6625 .A2 Ref] – annual compilation of state laws arranged by House and Senate bill number. Recent bills considered by the Mississippi Legislature, those that were signed into law as well as those that were not, are available online, at ☞ <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/default.htm>
- ☞ **Mississippi Code** [KFM 6630 1972 Ref.] – official version of the laws of Mississippi, arranged by subject. The general subject indexes are in two volumes at the end of the set. Be sure to consult the pocket parts in the back of each volume to access information regarding changes to the law, such as new laws, the repeal of laws, etc. The unannotated Mississippi Code is also available online, at ☞ http://www.sos.state.ms.us/ed_pubs/MSCode/

Court Cases

Federal

- ☞ **United States Supreme Court Reports** [KF 101 .D5 Ref, 1952-present] – official version of the U.S. Supreme Court cases. Those for the years 1973 to the present are located in Reference. Those from 1952 to 1972 are in microfiche format. There is no subject access; you need to know the citation of the particular case. The Library also has an unofficial set, **U.S. Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers Edition** [KF 101 .A313 Ref, 1789-1953].
- ☞ **West's Education Law Reporter** [KF 4110.A2 W47 Ref, 1981-2002] – contains important cases on education issues from federal and state jurisdictions. Continued by the online Westlaw Campus database. To find a case on a particular subject, consult the **West's Education Law Digest** [KF 4110.3 .W47 Ref].

State of Mississippi

- ☞ **Mississippi Reports** [KFM 6645 .A2 Ref, 1818-1966] and **Southern Reporter, Mississippi Cases** [KFM 6633 .A34 Ref, 1966-present] – all Mississippi Supreme Court cases, as well as important lower state and federal court cases from Mississippi. To find a case on a particular subject, consult the **Mississippi Digest** [KFM6657 .M58 Ref, 1818-present]. Under each subject heading are citations and brief summaries of cases that discuss a particular legal issue.
- ☞ **Shepard's Mississippi Cases** [KFM6659 .S497 Ref] – useful for finding other cases that cite a particular case or law, and more importantly, whether the particular case is still “good law,” that is, whether it has been overturned by another case or law.

Selected Databases

- ☞ **ERIC Educational Resources Information Center** [*EBSCOhost*]^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – database for education composed of CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education) & RIE (Resources in Education).
- ☞ **Legal Collection** [*EBSCOhost*]^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – scholarly law journals that cover all legal and law related topics.
- ☞ **Westlaw Campus**^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – federal and state laws, court cases and law journal articles.

Selected Web Sites

- ☞ **FindLaw: Internet Legal Resources** <http://www.findlaw.com> – provides an index to useful legal information on the Web, including unofficial versions of Supreme Court decisions back to the late 19th century and other court cases.
- ☞ **Thomas** <http://thomas.loc.gov> – U.S. House of Representative's Web site for recent legislative information, including bills and laws enacted.