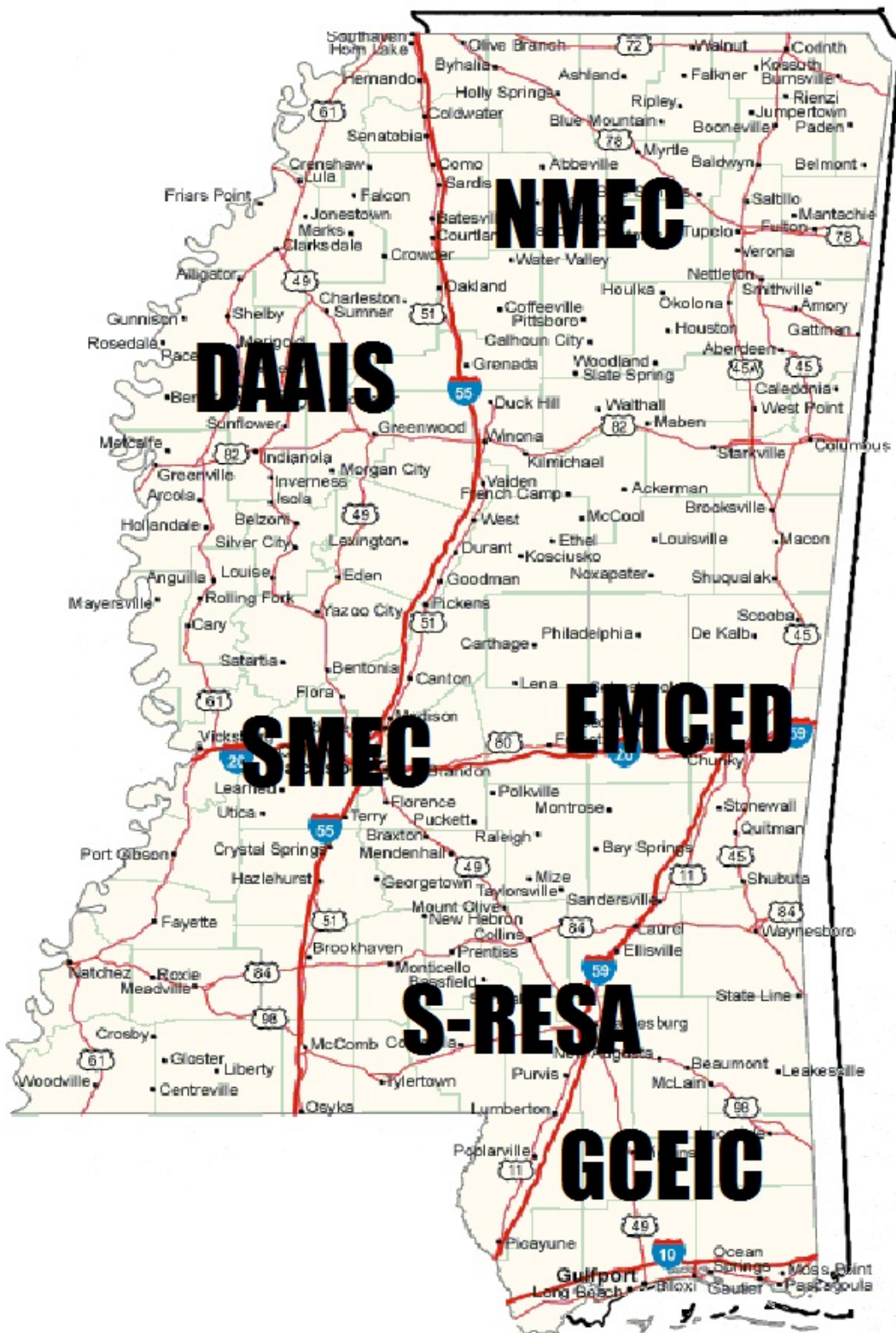


PARTNERSHIP REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCIES



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MS has six regional educational service agencies: Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools (DAAIS), East MS Center for Educational Development (EMCED), Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium (GCEIC), North MS Education Consortium (NMEC), Southwest MS Education Consortium (SMEC), and Southern Regional Educational Service Agency (S-RESA). Each RESA has an affiliation with a university in the state.

Each RESA is a member of the national organization, Association of Educational Service Agencies (ESA). According to the ESA, there are more than 550 service agencies in 44 states providing direct or indirect services to approximately 43 million students.

The overall purpose of the RESAs is to improve student performance and foster more efficient and cost-effective performance on the part of local school districts. We are committed to providing service and promoting collaboration among the educators of MS. By working cooperatively, the school districts, RESAs, and MDE can provide more resources for educators. In addition, the RESAs provide leadership by regularly bringing together leaders from various school districts to share information and resources to solve problems.

To facilitate the requirements of the legislations, a task force consisting of staff of the MS Department of Education and the Executive Directors of the state's six Regional Educational Service Agencies were formed. The task force conducted meetings from May through September 2006 to collaborate and jointly develop plans of increasing the Regional Educational Service Agencies' function as local educational service providers. RESAs Executive Director was asked for comments in response to the following five major areas indicating how their Regional Educational Service Agency can best work with the MS Department of Education to assist school districts:

- Professional Development
- Instruction Materials
- Educational Technology
- Curriculum Development
- Alternative Education Programs

[MS Code § 37-7-345 \(2013\)](#)

(1) A regional educational service agency (ESA) may be established in a region of the state when twelve (12) or more school districts determine there are benefits and services that can be derived from the collective and collaborative formation of an agency for the purpose of pooling and leveraging resources for the common benefit of students, teachers, administrators and taxpayers. An educational service agency shall be incorporated in the State of MS and organized under the laws of the State of MS as a nonprofit corporation. The educational service agency shall obtain 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.

(2) The operation and management of the educational service agency shall be the responsibility of a public advisory board composed of the superintendents of schools or their designees from each participating school district.

(3) A board of directors shall be elected on an annual basis from the advisory board to oversee the day-to-day operations of the agency.

(4) The executive board shall hire an executive director to serve as the executive agent of the board of the regional educational service agency.

(5) The board of directors of a regional educational service agency shall have the authority to establish policies for the regional educational service to determine the programs and services to be provided, to employ staff, to prepare and expend the budget, to provide for financing programs and projects of the regional educational service agency, and to annually evaluate the performance of the agency. The board may purchase, hold, encumber and dispose of real property, in the name of the agency, for use as its office or for any educational service provided by the agency.

(6) The educational service agency is authorized and empowered to: develop, manage and provide support services and/or programs as determined by the needs of the local school district. Educational service agencies (ESAs) shall:

- (a) Act primarily as service agencies in providing services and/or programs as identified and requested by member school districts (services may include, but are not limited to, professional development, instructional materials, educational technology, curriculum development and alternative educational programs);
- (b) Provide for economy, efficiency and cost effectiveness in the cooperative delivery and purchase or lease of educational services, materials and products (services may include, but are not limited to, purchasing cooperatives, insurance cooperatives, business manager services, auditing and accounting services, school safety/risk prevention, and data processing and student records);
- (c) Provide administrative services (services may include, but are not limited to, communications/public information, employee background checks, grants management, printing/publications and internships);
- (d) Provide educational services through leadership, research and development in elementary and secondary education;
- (e) Act in a cooperative and supportive role, including contracting, with the MS Department of Education, MS Institutions of Higher Learning, MS Community Colleges and other state educational organizations in the development and implementation of long-range plans, strategies and goals for the enhancement of educational opportunities in elementary and secondary education; and
- (f) Serve, when appropriate and as funds become available, as a repository, clearinghouse and administrator of federal, state, local and private funds on behalf of school districts which choose to participate in special programs, projects or grants in order to enhance the quality of education in MS schools.

(7) The State Board of Education shall have the authority to contract with and provide funds to regional educational service agencies for any education-related service.



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Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools (DAAIS) is housed at The College of Education and Human Sciences at Delta State University, and is a regional consortium of educational institutions in the geographic region known as the MS Delta.

Our primary purpose is to provide services and professional development opportunities for personnel of member school districts, as well as curricular and enrichment opportunities for their students. We operate through and by a board of directors made up of consortia members from public and parochial school districts primarily located in the MS Delta.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Canton Public
Carroll County
Clarksdale Municipal
Cleveland
Coahoma County
Coahoma Early College High School
Desoto County
East Tallahatchie Consolidated
Greenville Public
Greenwood-Leflore Consolidated
Grenada
Hollandale
Holmes County
Leland
Madison County
Natchez-Adams
North Bolivar Consolidated
Quitman County
South Delta
South Panola
Sunflower County Consolidated
Tate County
Tunica County
Vicksburg-Warren
West Bolivar Consolidated
West Tallahatchie Consolidated
Western Line
MS Achievement School District
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East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) is located on the Meridian Campus of Mississippi State University. EMCED serves 25 public school districts across 19 counties in the East Mississippi area. School districts pay an annual membership fee based upon the number of teachers and administrators employed by the district. EMCED serves an educational community of over 6,000 teachers and administrators.

EMCED is committed to assuming a strong leadership role in supporting public educators' efforts to develop quality learning environments in which all children can obtain a quality education. EMCED's partnership with member school districts and Mississippi State University promotes high-quality instruction in the classroom and overall school improvement by enhancing and improving the personal and professional effectiveness of educators. This is accomplished through high-quality professional development opportunities and support services provided in an efficient and affordable format. EMCED concentrates delivery of professional development services through a full range of regional offerings as well as in-district professional development sessions.

The consortium is governed by a board of directors comprised of the superintendents of member school districts. An executive committee is elected from the board to oversee the operations of the consortium. The executive director serves as chief executive officer of the consortium and is selected and appointed by the board of directors.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Attala County	Newton Municipal
Choctaw County	Noxubee County
Columbus Municipal	Pearl Public
East Jasper	Philadelphia Public
Enterprise	Quitman
Forest Municipal	Rankin County
Kemper County	Scott County
Lauderdale County	Simpson County
Leake County	Smith County
Louisville Municipal	Union Public
Meridian Public	West Jasper Consolidated
Neshoba County	West Point
Newton County	

FY21/22 Member Organizations:

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Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium (GCEIC) is a Regional Educational Service Agency for South MS established in 1997 to offer services for MS Gulf Coast school districts. We serve the member districts by influencing decision-makers, providing professional learning and technology opportunities, and collaborating with higher education, business and industry, and other groups and agencies to enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for our students by establishing education as the top priority for improving quality of life for the citizens of the member districts.

We are currently serving over 105,000 students and 5,000 educators. GCEIC believes enhancing the learning opportunities for students will improve student performance, which provides for a well-trained workforce, attracts new industry, retains existing industry, and benefits all sectors of the community.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Bay St. Louis-Waveland
Biloxi Public
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
Columbia
Forrest County Agricultural High School
Forrest County
Gulfport
Hancock County
Harrison County
Jackson County
Lamar County
Long Beach
Moss Point
Ocean Springs
Pascagoula-Gautier
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North MS Education Consortium (NMEC) operates under the governance of a board of directors made up of superintendents from member districts, the three community college presidents, and the Dean of the School of Education at the University of MS. Our purpose is to provide a means whereby participating members can assure quality educational programs through cooperative efforts and shared resources, for the benefit of students and communities being served. These efforts include: pooling local resources for special projects; professional development; sharing of expertise among members; identifying and securing revenues for cooperative projects.

NMEC works with renowned educators from our state and across the country to develop content and bring it directly to teachers and administrators. We're proud to offer some of the best professional development workshops in the south.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Aberdeen	North Panola
Alcorn	North Tippah Consolidated
Amory	Okolona Municipal Separate
Baldwyn Public	Oxford
Benton County	Pontotoc City
Booneville	Pontotoc County
Calhoun County	Prentiss County
Clinton Public	Quitman County
Coffeeville	Senatobia Municipal
Columbus Municipal	South Panola
Corinth	South Tippah
Desoto County	Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated
East Tallahatchie Consolidated	Tate County
Grenada	Tishomingo County Special Municipal Separate
Holly Springs	Tunica County
Houston	Tupelo Public
Itawamba County	Union County
Lafayette County	Water Valley
Lee County	Webster County
Marshall County	West Point
Monroe County	Winona-Montgomery Consolidated
Nettleton	
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Southwest MS Education Consortium (SMEC) was established July 1, 1997, operated by Jackson State University's College of Education and Human Development, and is housed in the School of Lifelong. We provide professional development and community services to diverse educational entities across MS. We have formed partnerships with the public and private education providers for the following purposes: to unify, supplement, enhance and expand the capacity of member agencies toward improving the quality of their students' academic outcomes.

SMEC seeks to continue its partnership and outreach to selected educational entities. The partnership provides for professional development, support services and/or programs consistent with the needs of requesting members, such as: technology, curriculum, instruction, evaluation, research, leadership, educational/classroom management, safety, literacy, networking opportunities, cultural diversity and others. Based upon member district needs assessments. SMEC has a history of providing high-quality professional development training sessions and providing technical assistance. These training sessions are delivered by a high-quality resource pool of trained technical assistants representing many years of experience. A formal and systematic approach to the delivery of the planned programs of professional development services are tailored to members' schedules and request; these requests include workshops, seminars, interactive video and on-line training.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Amite County
Brookhaven
Claiborne County
Clinton Public
Columbia
Covington County
Franklin County
Hazlehurst City
Hinds County
Holmes County
Jackson Public
Jefferson County
Jefferson Davis County
Kosciusko
Lawrence County
Lincoln County
McComb Separate
Natchez-Adams
Rankin County
Simpson County
South Pike
Walthall County
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MS Achievement School
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Southern-Regional Educational Service Agency (S-RESA) and the University of Southern MS Regional Service Center are located in the Owings McQuagge Hall on the campus of the University of Southern MS. S-RESA offers support and services to member and area school districts.

S-RESA recognizes that our ultimate purpose is to improve the educational opportunities of the school children of MS. We attempt to accomplish this by making connections between and among educators, school districts, schools, The University of Southern MS, junior and community colleges, the MS Department of Education, professional organizations, and other regional educational service agencies. Through participation in the legislative activities of the Association of Educational Service Agencies, S-RESA is an advocate for education at the national level.

FY21/22 Member School Districts:

Amite County	Lincoln County
Brookhaven	Long Beach
Claiborne County	Marion County
Copiah County	McComb Separate
Covington County	Natchez-Adams
East Jasper	North Pike
Forrest County	Perry County
Forrest County Agricultural High School	Poplarville Special Municipal Separate
Franklin County	Richton
George County	Simpson County
Greene County	Smith County
Hattiesburg Public	South Pike
Hazlehurst City	Walthall County
Jefferson County	Wayne County
Jefferson Davis County	West Jasper Consolidated
Jones County	Yazoo County
Laurel	Vicksburg-Warren
Lawrence County	

FY21/22 Member Organization:

University of Southern MS