

Governor Musgrove's 2000 Educational Agenda
As Outlined in the State of the State Address

Initiative	Description	Action
<i>Computers in every classroom</i>	Place an Internet-accessible computer in every public elementary and secondary classroom in Mississippi by the end of 2002.	Creating time-limited Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology with three functions: planning (inventory to determine total cost); funding (state/federal 50%, private/non-profit 50%); and implementing (state will purchase, community will install computers).
<i>Raise the average teacher pay to the southeastern average</i>	Increase the salaries of public school teachers to the southeastern states' estimated average.	Governor proposes, with 5% growth in the budget in any given year, to invest \$22 million in the first year and stagger increases over the next three years; Governor will reprioritize the budget in any year when economic growth is not 5% in order to fund this initiative; legislators have introduced three bills to raise pay to southeastern average*.
<i>Require appointed superintendents</i>	Require all superintendents to be appointed.	Legislators have introduced four bills to require all superintendents to be appointed.
<i>Reading incentive program</i>	Encourage children to obtain library card in order to participate in Governor's Reading Honor Roll, which will recognize those children who read 20+ books a year; First Lady to develop a program to promote reading across our state.	Executive order and private partnerships to build these programs; legislators have introduced 2 bills to require each student enrolled in 3rd and 4th grade to be assessed for the acquisition of reading skills.
<i>"Respect" legislation</i>	Require students to address or respond to teachers or administrators with appropriate titles of respect (similar to SC and LA legislation).	Legislator has introduced one bill to require this of students.

* References to the number of bills introduced by legislators are as of February 16, 2000.