

Missouri NEA Missouri State Board of Education Report

Notes from March 8, 2022 meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Board approves redistricting plan for Special School District

The Special School District of St. Louis County provides special education services to students with disabilities. More than 97 percent of students who receive services from SSD staff attend a school in one of the 22 partner school districts in which they live. Students with more significant disabilities are served by SSD's five special education schools. Redistricting of SSD is required after each 10-year census to distribute the student population among SSD subdistricts. The [newly adopted subdistricts](#) are:

- Subdistrict 1: Hazelwood, Jennings, Maplewood Richmond Heights
- Subdistrict 2: (unchanged) Affton, Bayless, Hancock Place, Mehlville
- Subdistrict 3: (unchanged) Parkway
- Subdistrict 4: (unchanged) Ferguson-Florissant, Pattonville, Riverview Gardens
- Subdistrict 5: Brentwood, Kirkwood, Lindbergh, Valley Park, Webster Groves
- Subdistrict 6: Ladue, Normandy, Ritenour, University City
- Subdistrict 7: Clayton and Rockwood

Board approves amendments to implementation of IDEA

[Approved amendments](#) to the implementation of Part B of IDEA, for serving children ages 3-21 include:

- Hearing impairments may be diagnosed by a licensed assistant physician or registered nurse.
- Parents may attend meetings through video conference.
- In-state transfers may receive comparable services until a re-evaluation is completed.
- Informed parental consent need not be obtained if reasonable efforts have been made and parent failed to respond.

Update on MSIP 6

The State Board heard an update from DESE staff and members of the Missouri School Improvement Program Advisory Committee on the ongoing development and [implementation process for MSIP 6](#). A preliminary MSIP 6 guide will be released this month followed by public hearings. School districts will complete assessments and district reviews through the fall and receive their MSIP 6 Annual Performance Reports in December. The Board held a robust debate on the goals of the MSIP program and student achievement. DESE is considering 2021-22 as a transition year – classifications will not be lowered due to performance, attendance will not be factored into MSIP scores, and all data will be reported publicly. The 2022-23 year begins the 3-year cycle of new standards that include recognition for improvement over time. Key changes include:

	MSIP 5	MSIP 6
Annual Performance Report	100% performance	70% performance, 30% improvement
Achievement	MAP scores	Improvement in MAP scores
Student groups/free & reduced lunch	Community eligibility	Actual population
Attendance	Attendance target requirements	Improvement in rates
Equity information	Not assessed	Standards for equity and access
High school assessment	Required prior to graduation	Required when course credit is awarded
Continuous improvement	Not assessed	Year one pilot, then 3-year cycle

School Turnaround Act

The School Turnaround Act was established by the Missouri legislature in August 2019. The legislation requires DESE to identify schools in need of academic improvement and provide access and funding to qualified independent school turnaround “experts.” Academic performance is the basis for identification. Schools are ranked using MAP scores and consideration is given to districts that are provisionally accredited. The full program description can be found [here](#).

In other business, the board:

- Designated [eleven](#) (nine nonpublic and two public) high schools as A+ Schools.
- Adopted the [2022-23 calendars](#) for the School for the Blind, School for the Deaf, and Schools for the Severely Disabled.
- Received an [update](#) on the Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled. The MSSD serves 741 students and employs 622 staff. MSSD has launched a superintendent search.
- Received the [complete listing and status](#) of education bills in the legislature.
- Approved publishing for public comments a change to the [rule regarding Persistently Dangerous Schools](#) so that it includes charter schools.

The next meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education will be on April 12, 2022. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rebeka McIntosh at 800-392-0236 or rebeka.mcintosh@mnea.org. Details of state board agenda items can be found [here](#).

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Jarrett, MNEA teaching and learning director, retired as of March 15