
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MADER
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MINIMUM FOUNDATION PROGRAM AND ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
DATE: 1/30/01
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The Minimum Foundation Program is the basic funding mechanism for teacher salaries, transportation costs, health insurance and other school needs. The Minimum Program has long been the basic funding for Mississippi schools since it was enacted in the 1950's.

Because disparity still existed in funds available for educating every child at an adequate level, the Legislature enacted the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to address these disparities and to ensure that every school district will have sufficient funds available to provide a Level III accreditation or adequate education for every child. Thus, the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) is the new funding formula being phased in over a six-year period (FY 02 is year 5 of 6).

The Legislature created the Education Enhancement Fund in 1992. It is funded by a 1-cent sales tax increase and the ending year cash balance (House Bill 400 money).