

Descriptor Term: WORK STUDY PROGRAMS

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The Mississippi Cooperative Education (MCE) program is a secondary training program designed for eleventh and twelfth grade students. The program is operated as an integral part of the Gulfport High Technology Center, the Gulfport School District, and the State of Mississippi Office of Vocational Education. The program combines work-readiness preparation, related occupational classroom instruction, and work-site training elements. A minimum of 540 hours of work-site training is required for each student. Each student receives 2 ½ Carnegie units toward graduation upon completion of the program.

The MCE program is a joint effort of the school, business and industry, and the community. The coordinator of the MCE program performs and coordinates all activities and tasks needed for success in the program. These tasks involve abilities in teaching, coordinating, guidance and counseling, public relations, and administration. Each student, his/her parent or guardian, teacher, employer, and director are required to sign a written agreement to stipulate the terms of employment and the provision for academic credit. The coordinator will require the employer to grade the student on a nine-week basis. The program is operated in accordance with state/federal laws and regulations governing employment of children under age eighteen (18) and will be subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Reference: Mississippi Cooperative Education (MCE) - Program CIP: 00.0204