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THE MASTER TEACHER OF ECONOMICS PROGRAM

The Master Teachers in Economics (MTE) Program is a certificate program endorsed by the Mississippi Department of Education through which participating teachers raise their demonstrated knowledge of economics on average 40 percent. The program is rigorous and is offered by the Mississippi Council on Economic Education through its affiliated centers at Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi. Average pre-test scores of Mississippi teachers on a Test of Economic Literacy are 62 percent and post test scores following completion of the MTE average 86 per cent.

Since 2004, the Mississippi Council on Economic Education has been engaged with the Mississippi Department of Education in providing teachers with professional development programs that permits them to gain the knowledge of economics and financial education needed to effectively teach the state and national standards in the Kindergarten through Grade 12 curriculum and Advanced Placement Economics. The MTE was launched in 2006 following the decision by the State Board of Education to require a semester course in economics for graduation starting with the class entering high school in fall 2008 and assessment of social studies teachers' knowledge of economics. Through a collaborative partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education and the support of business partners including the Armstrong Foundation, BancorpSouth, the Mississippi Power Foundation, State Farm Insurance, and Trustmark, teachers are succeeding with the Master Teacher of Economics Program as indicated below:

The 62 Mississippi Counties with 251 Master Teachers in Economics in 84 School Districts are as follows:

Adams County

Natchez Adams School District: Fallin Career & Technology Center: Virginia Cowart; Natchez High: Samuel Kelley

Alcorn County

Alcorn School District: Alcorn Central High: Connie Lambert; Kossuth Middle School: Debbie Kemp; Alcorn Career & Technology Center: Diane Daughtry and Sherra Potts

Attala County

Attala County School District: Kosciusko/Attala Vo-Tech: Martha Melissa Rives

Benton County

Benton County School District: Benton County Vocational Center: Jane Autry

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Bolivar County

Cleveland School District: Cleveland High School: Edwin Norwood; Cleveland
Career Development Center: Lisa Jones

Carroll County

Carroll County School District: J.Z. George High: Arthur Bailey

Chickasaw County

Houston School District: Houston Vocational Center: Michael "Shane" Presley

Choctaw County

Choctaw County School District: Weir Attendance Center: Nancy Duran
Weir Elementary: Jennie Randle

Clarke County

Quitman County School District: Clarke County Vocational Center: Tammy
Alford

Clay County

West Point School District: West Point High School: Bruce Mize

Coahoma County

Clarksdale Municipal School District: Clarksdale High: Henri Grantham* and
Barbara Boschert

Copiah County

Copiah County School District: Crystal Springs High: Kent Walker

Desoto County

Desoto County School District: Olive Branch High: Regina Ross; Desoto
Central High School: Sara Jane Russell;* Horn Lake High School:
Michael Satcher

Forrest County

Hattiesburg Public Schools: Hattiesburg High: Dermekca Johns, Tanya
Evans and Kimberly Paola
Forrest County Agricultural School District: Forrest County Agricultural
High School: Tiffany Jones

Franklin County

Franklin County School District: Franklin County Career and Technology Center:
Linda Carraway

Greene County

Greene County School District: Greene County Vocational Technology Center:
Dedra Welford

Grenada County

Grenada County School District: Grenada High School: Elizabeth Freeland
Landingham;* Grenada Career and Technology Center: Meg Newcomb

Hancock County

Bay St. Louis Waveland School District: Bay High School: Stacey Walters-Pate
and Linda Jenkins; Bay Waveland Middle School: Pamela Carrubba
Hancock County School District: Hancock Middle School: Tad J. Shaw

Harrison County

Biloxi Public School District: Biloxi High School: Todd Boucher and
Clementine Fantroy

- Gulfport School District: Bayou View Middle School: Shelley Gates, Cynthia Johnson and Lindsey Ory; Gulfport High: Deanna Roessling, Cathy McGuffee and Cimmie Switzer
 Gulfport High Technology Center: Christy Geissinger
- Harrison County School District: D'Iberville High: Margaret Powers
 North Gulfport 7th and 8th: Frank Stoeffler; Woolmarket Elementary: Davona Mitchell; Harrison Central 9th: Debbie Wilson;
- Long Beach School District: Long Beach Middle School: Christina Ladner
 Long Beach Senior High School: Rachell Richards and Donna Ladner
- Pass Christian Public School District: Pass Christian Elementary: Julie Cuevas
- Hinds County
- Clinton Public School District: Clinton High: Charlotte Walker,* Jacob Kirchner, Angel Olinger, and Jennifer Nance; Sumner Hill Jr. High: Doreen Moore, Roxanna Arcement and Kelli Kelly; Clinton Junior High School: Cheryl Kay Metz and Yancy Beth Booth;
- Hinds County School District: Byram Middle School: Angela Trehan; Main Street Alternative School: Charles Wood
- Jackson Public Schools
- Bailey Magnet High: Jerry Beavers*
 Callaway High School: Jacqueline Davis* and Willis Smith
 Capital City Alternative: Mary Robinson*
 Forest Hill High: Yolanda Dickey, Tommie Gillespie,* Doris Johnson, and Renee P. Bounds
 Jim Hill High: Eliza Westerfield* and George Williams*
 Murrah High School: Edward Schneider*
 Peoples Middle School: Rose Wright
 Provine High: Linda Johnson*
 JPS District Office: Whit Grace
- Holmes County
- Holmes County School District: Williams-Sullivan High: Dolly Gray*
- Jackson County
- Jackson County School District: Vancleave High: Debra Brown; St. Martin High: Monique Farrington
 Moss Point School District: Moss Point High: John A. Slay
 Ocean Springs School District: Ocean Springs High: Jim Zipperer* and Laurie Blalock
- Jasper County
- West Jasper School District: Jasper County Career Development Center: Alice Nita King
- Jefferson County
- Jefferson County School District: Jefferson County High: Kenneth Coffie
- Jefferson Davis County
- Jefferson-Davis School District: Prentiss High School: Wanda Ard and Glorious Hartzog; Jefferson Davis County Vocational Technical Center: Lila Broom

Jones County

Jones County School District: South Jones High: Catherine Chancellor;
 Northeast Jones Middle/High School: Martha Ellene Hosey
 Laurel School District: Laurel Career and Technology Center: Zandra Marks

Lafayette County

Oxford School District: Oxford Middle School: Neil Burton
 Lafayette County School District: Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied
 Technology: Barbara Dunn

Lamar County

Lamar County School District:
 Baxterville Attendance Center: Julie Richardson and Kristy McGehee
 Lamar County Center for Technical Education: Suzanne Kelly
 Oak Grove Primary: Tanya Bennett, Kelli Soberoski
 and Alicia Martin
 Oak Grove Lower Elementary: Beverly Blackmon and Anna Pickett
 Oak Grove Upper Elementary: Ellen Mathis, Anna Lang, Lily Luedtke, Anna
 Nelson Woods and Jo Eidman
 Oak Grove Middle School: Heather Adams, Tammy Walters and Whitney Clark
 Oak Grove High School: Helen Peterson, Jerri Whitecotton, Jesse Lang,
 Terry Smith, Randy Robinett and Jordan Dupuy
 Purvis Lower Elementary: Terry Red, Leigh Carroll and Wendy Roseberry
 Purvis Upper Elementary: Jenyck Litolff and Kelly Parrish
 Purvis Middle School: Abby Mills and Heather Houston
 Purvis High School: Lindsay Robertson and Cala Raborn
 Sumrall Elementary: Amy Pittman, Laurie Draper and Darlene Hill
 Sumrall Middle School: Susan Kemp and Candice Eubanks
 Sumrall High School: Amy Lee

Lauderdale County

Meridian Public School District: Meridian High: Larry Nichols and Nelda
 Davidson
 West Lauderdale County Schools: West Lauderdale High School: Shelia McDill

Lawrence County

Lawrence County School District: Lawrence County High: Eddie Rials*

Lee County

Lee County School District: Plantersville Middle School: Luther Minor
 Tupelo Public School District: Tupelo Middle School: Ruth Baker and Marlo
 Hendrix; Tupelo High: Angie Davis and Amy Johnson

Lincoln County

Brookhaven School District: Brookhaven High: Krista Russell*; Brookhaven
 Technical Center: Tiffany Speaks and Cathy Warren
 Brookhaven City Schools: Alexander Jr. High School: Samson Byrd
 Lincoln County School District: West Lincoln High School: Les Jordan

Lowndes County

Lowndes County School District: Caledonia High: Christi Carter

Madison County

Canton Public School District: McNeal Elementary: Elizabeth Riles*

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Madison County School District: Rosa Scott Middle: Steven White;
 Madison Central High: Mary Catherine “Katie” Holden, Christy Walker,*
 William “Brett” Mayfield, and Mindi Cook; Velma Jackson High School:
 Danny Bouchillon; Madison Middle School: Kim Norman

Marion County
 Columbia City Schools: Columbia High School: Mike Novinski
 MS Department of Education: Michael Curry
 MS School of the Arts: Harold Wayne Owens, Jr.
 MS School for the Deaf: Katherine Love

Monroe County
 Aberdeen School District: Aberdeen Middle School: Peggy Bearden
 Amory School District: Amory Middle School: Melvin McKinney
 Monroe County School District: Monroe County Vocational Technical Center:
 Kerri Davidson

Montgomery County
 Montgomery County School District: Montgomery County Elementary: Wayne
 Keeton

Neshoba County
 Neshoba Central School District: Neshoba Middle School: William Patrick
 Boyle, Valerie Hardy, and Judy Palmer; Neshoba Central High School:
 Sheila Watson

Newton County
 Newton Municipal School District: Newton Career Center: Shelley Thoms

Oktibbeha County
 Starkville School District: Starkville-Millsaps Career & Technology Center:
 Kathy Dawkins and Sylvia Paige

Panola County
 North Panola School District: Greenhill Elementary: Laurie Maxwell

Pearl River County
 Pearl River County School District: Pearl River Central Upper Elementary: Stacy
 Nicole Mitchell; Pearl River Central High: Gwendolyn Ladner
 Picayune School District: Career and Technology Center: Kathy Quinn;
 Picayune Memorial High School: Laura Denise Pickett
 Poplarville Municipal School District: Poplarville CDC: Marie Carpenter
 Poplarville High: Linda Patten, Jo Laurin Davis, Beverly Merritt, Hope
 Roberts and Donna Storrs

Perry County
 Perry County School District: Perry Central High: Beverly Hesterman;
 Perry County Vocational Complex: Stacy Pierce and Patricia Smithmier

Pike County
 South Pike School District: South Pike Career and Technical Center: Cynthia
 Whittington Slay

Pontotoc County School District
 Pontotoc City Schools: Pontotoc High: April Hamilton-Williams

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- Pontotoc County School District: South Pontotoc High School: Stacy Scott;
North Pontotoc High School: Robert L. Wingo; Pontotoc Ridge CTC:
Elizabeth McCuller and Paula Whitlock
- Prentiss County
Prentiss County School District: Prentiss County Vo-Tech: Bill Glover
- Quitman County
Quitman County School District: Madison Shannon Palmer High School: Lisa
Taylor
- Rankin County
Pearl and Rankin Counties: Pearl Rankin Career and Technical Center: Tammie
Brewer
Rankin County School District: Brandon High: Monica Roland,* and Terry
Hunt; Brandon Middle: Antoinette Berry; Northwest Rankin High: Alvin
Martin and Charles R. Sweeney*; Flowood Elementary: Buster Doty;
Pelahatchie Attendance Center: Donna McMillian; McLaurin High
School: Albert Milburn
- Scott County
Forest-Scott County Career & Technology Center: Debbie Burnham
- Simpson County
Simpson County School District: Magee High: Cheryl Goudelock*; Mendenhall
Junior High: Rajya Lakshmi Meka; Simpson County Technical Center:
Judy McDonnieal
- Smith County
Smith County School District: Taylorsville High School: Carrie Tucker
- Stone County
Stone County School District: Stone High School: Brent Long and William S.
Maddox, Sr.
- Sunflower County
Drew School District: A.W. James Elementary: Avis Brown
Indianola School District: Gentry High School: Michael Randle and Lamisha
Galvin; Merritt Middle School: Leola Gilson-Wright and
Thomas Mabece; Pennington Junior High: Kermit McAdory
- Tate County
Senatobia Municipal School District: Senatobia High: Gale Cushman
Tate County School District: Coldwater High School: Beverly Shanks
- Tunica County
Tunica County School District: Rosa Fort High School: Dena Smith; Tunica
Middle School: LaShanda Hoskins, Tracy Duncan and Michael B.
Mallory
- Walthall County
Walthall County School District: Tylertown High School: Laurie Capps;
Walthall County Career and Technology Center: Tiffany Mark
- Warren County
Vicksburg Warren School District: Warren Central High: Theresa Vollar

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Washington County

Greenville Public School District: Greenville-Weston High School: Shelton

James; Stern Elementary School: Carol Oakes

T.L. Weston Campus: Shirley Lance

Leland School District: Leland Elementary: Steuart Botchford; Leland High School: Felesia Cochran

Wilkinson County

Wilkinson County School District: Martin Luther King Career and Technology Complex: Shirley Riggs

Yalobusha County

Coffeeville School District: Coffeeville High School: Jason Purdy and Kimberly Anderson

Water Valley School District: Water Valley High School: Jo Ann King

Collegiate:

East Mississippi Community College: Michelle Taylor

Mississippi Valley State University: Curressia M. Brown

Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit: Renee Gammill

Independent:

Diamondhead, MS: Bill A. Myers

Hattiesburg, MS: Brian Blackmon

Private Schools:

Canton Academy: Matthew Ryan Walker

Calhoun Academy: Fran Smith

Jackson Academy: Rita Curry

Magnolia Heights School: Barry Coleman

Moved:

Kianca Guyton (formerly of Jim Hill High School)

Stephanie Vance-Hernandez (formerly of Montgomery County Elementary)

Sonia Santamaria (formerly of Gentry High School)

Veronica Walls (formerly of Forest Hill High School)

Charles Robinson (formerly of Greenville-Weston High School)

Areccia Robinson (formerly of T.L. Weston Campus)

Sherri L. Funk (formerly of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic School)

Steve Culbertson (formerly of Wingfield High School)

Retired:

Bill Patrick (formerly of Wingfield High School)

Carole Armstrong (formerly of Ridgeland High School)

Sheryl Dilworth (formerly of Amory Middle School)

Billie Bowman (formerly of Provine High School)

Gary Varsel (formerly of J.Z. George High School)

Business, Economics and Marketing teachers in the State Superintendent's new High School Redesign Program are required to earn the MTE in the next two years. The 68 School Districts with 108 Master Teachers in Economics in progress are as follows:

Adams County

Natchez Adams School District: Natchez High School: Margaret Beesley

Alcorn County

Alcorn School District: Alcorn Central High School: Rebecca Whittemore and Angela Grisham

Amite County

Amite County School District: Amite County Vocational Center: Tonya Bates

Attala County

Attala County School District: Kosciusko-Attala Vocational Center: Betty Bermond

Benton County

Benton County School District: Hickory Flat Attendance Center: Marcia McCalmon

Bolivar County

West Bolivar School District: Joe Barnes Vocational Centers: Barbara J. Flore
Benoit School District: Ray Brooks School: Jermellody M. Christian
Mound Bayou Public Schools: John F. Kennedy High School: Sherri Williams

Calhoun County

Calhoun County School District: Vardaman High School: Billy Dill

Chickasaw County

Okolona Separate School District: Okolona Vocational Complex: Chyleen Gage

Choctaw County

Choctaw County Schools: Ackerman High School: Hilda White

Claiborne County

Claiborne County School District: Claiborne County Vocational Complex: Kimberly Rucker

Clarke County

Quitman School District: Clarke County Vocational Center: Celia White
Wheeler; Quitman High School: John Douglass
Enterprise School District: Enterprise High School: Ashley Davis Sisson and Milton A. Lewis, III

Coahoma County

Coahoma Agricultural High School District: Coahoma Agricultural High School: Julia Shelton
Coahoma County School District: Lyon Elementary: Bessie Johnson; Carl Keen
Vo-Tech: Tanja Grainger
Clarksdale Municipal School District: Clarksdale High School: John W. Bowlin

Copiah County

Copiah County School District: Crystal Springs High School: Jessica Smith
Hazlehurst City Schools: Hazlehurst High: Joann Kelley

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Covington County

Covington County School District: Covington County Vocational Technology Center: Jane McGlocklin

Desoto County

Desoto County School District: Horn Lake High School: Chris Tice; Hernando High School: James David Spencer

Forrest County

Petal School District: Petal Middle School: Barbara Boone

Hinds County

Jackson Public School District: Jackson Career Development Center: Katherine Anderson; Lanier High School: Robert Walters; Rowan Middle School: Kerry L. Brown and Sharon Hall; Peeples Middle School: Gary Edwards; Morrison Academic Advancement Center: Sylvia C. Leggette ; Marshall Elementary School: Sebrina Esters; Capital City Alternative School: Dorothy D. Cox

Clinton Public School District: Clinton High School: Selena Swartzfager; Sumner Hill Junior High School: Robert Green

Hinds County School District: Byram Middle School: Juana Caston; Raymond High School: Diedra Harris

Hinds Agricultural School District: Hinds AHS: Faye D. Cornelius

Holmes County

Holmes County School District: J.J. McClain High School: Aleen Benson; Mileston Middle School: Geraldine Friar; Holmes County Vocational Center: China B. Stephens

Jackson County

Ocean Springs School District: Ocean Springs Alternative Education Center: Robyn Moser; Ocean Springs High School: Angela Sanders

Moss Point Separate School District: Moss Point High School: John B. Lowe

Pascagoula School District: Applied Technology Center: Carol S. Thomas

Jasper County

West Jasper School District: Bay Springs High School: Roland Gatlin, Patrina Johnson and Kory Thigpen; Bay Springs Middle School: Allen Lee Davis; Stringer Attendance Center: Donald Sauls

Jefferson County

Jefferson County School District: Jefferson County Vocational-Technical Center: Rose B. Minor

Lamar County

Lamar County School District: Oak Grove High School: Ashley Harper

Lauderdale County

Meridian Public School District: Ross Collins Vocational Center: Jill Wagner

Leake County

Leake County Schools: Leake County Vocational-Technical Center: April Bell

Lee County

Lee County School District: Shannon High School: Harmon C. Pippin

Leflore County

Greenwood Public School District: Greenwood Career & Technical Center:

- Tierra Evans; Greenwood High School: Charles F. Johnson;
 Leflore County School District: Leflore County High School: Michelle Harrison-
 Armstrong; Amanda Elzy High School: Cedric Shelby and Deborah
 Phillips
- Lowndes County
 Columbus Municipal School District: Hunt Intermediate: Martha Jones;
- Madison County
 Madison County School District: Olde Towne Middle School: William “Bill” C.
 Richardson; Germantown Middle School: Deborah Morali
- Marion County
 Marion County School District: Carol Loftin Career & Technology Center
 LaShauna E. Fortenberry
- Marshall County
 Holly Springs School District: Holly Springs Career & Technology Center: Mary
 Ann Arouna
- Monroe County
 Amory School District: Amory Vocational Center: Beverly Fortenberry
 Monroe County School District: Hatley High School: Frances Baker Livingston
- Newton County
 Newton County School District: Newton County Career and Technical Center:
 Margaret Booth
- Oktibbeha County
 Starkville School District: Armstrong Middle School: Gavin Gilbert, April
 Dill and Ginger Lynn Tedder
- Panola County
 North Panola School District: North Panola Career and Technical Center:
 Martha Brown
 South Panola School District: South Panola High School: Mary G. (Kay) Wolfe
- Pearl River County
 Pearl River County Schools: Pearl River Central Upper Elementary: Shannon
 Matute, Edna C. Parker and Dorothy Stockstill
 Picayune School District: Picayune High School: Lucian Roberson and Cayne
 Stockstill
 Poplarville Municipal School District: Poplarville High School: Chris Wise
- Pike County
 North Pike School District: North Pike High School: Melinda Simmons
- Pontotoc County
 Pontotoc County School District: Pontotoc Ridge Career & Technology Center:
 Douglas Gentry
- Prentiss County
 Prentiss County School District: Marietta Elementary School: Tracy Barber
- Rankin County
 Pearl Public School District: Pearl High School: Sheri B. Carter
- Sharkey County
 South Delta Schools: Carson T. Seal Vocational Center: Patricia Thomas

Simpson County

Simpson County Technical Center: Pamela Woodard and Susan Hammond-May

Smith County

Smith County School District: Smith County Career Center: Karen Ware

Sunflower County

Indianola School District: Indianola Career & Technical Center: Jennette Davis;

Lockard Middle School: Linda Anderson

Tallahatchie County

East Tallahatchie Consolidated School District: Charleston High School:

Charlinda Gooch

Tippah County

South Tippah School District: Tippah Career and Technology Center: Joy Rich

Tishomingo County

Tishomingo County Municipal School District: Belmont High School: Jeff

Martin; Tishomingo County Vocational Center: Dana Bonds

Union County

East Union School District: East Union High School: Susan Culpepper

Washington County

Hollandale School District: Simmons High School: Betty Kingdom

Wayne County

Wayne County School District: Wayne County Vo-Tech: Robyn McMichael

Webster County

Webster County School District: Eupora High School: Amy Hubbard

Winston County

Louisville Municipal School District: Winston-Louisville Career & Technology

Center: June P. Holdiness

Yalobusha County

Water Valley School District: Water Valley High School: Valerie Morgan

Independent:

Madison, MS: Susan Thames

Jackson, MS: (GEARUP) Shirley Williams Kane

Jackson, MS: (MS Dept. of Education) Angela Kitchens

Hattiesburg, MS: Melanie Adcox

Philadelphia, MS: Susan S. Hammendorp

Private Schools:

Brookhaven Academy: Keiza Reid

East Rankin Academy: Freida McLeod