



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

April 1, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Move On When Ready (MOWR) Program Guidelines and Information

In 2025, the Alabama Legislature passed [Alabama Act 2025-412](#), which established the Move On When Ready (MOWR) Program. The MOWR Program provides eligible Alabama public high school students in Grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to complete all remaining high school coursework through full-time enrollment at an eligible Alabama public college or university. The program allows students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously, accelerating progress toward graduation and postsecondary success. MOWR is designed to support academic readiness, expand access to higher education, and ensure a smooth transition from high school to college.

The MOWR Program guidelines outline policies and procedures related to student eligibility, enrollment, counseling, course approval, awarding credit, and annual reporting. The guidelines also include information on funding provisions, including the allocation of MOWR funds to participating Alabama public colleges and universities. Funding is provided at the lesser of the actual tuition and instructional materials costs or the equivalent state foundation funding the local education agency (LEA) would have received for the student.

Guidance and information for LEAs regarding the MOWR Program, including required LEA forms to support program implementation, may be accessed [here](#).

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to expanding educational opportunities for Alabama students. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sean J. Stevens by email at sstevens@alsde.edu or Mrs. Cristin Dillard by email at cdillard@alsde.edu. Both can be reached by telephone at 334-694-4768.

EGM:SJS:MSF

cc: LEA Counseling Coordinators
LEA Secondary Curriculum Directors
Mrs. Angela Martin
Dr. Melissa Shields
Mr. Dodd Hawthorne
Mrs. Shanthia Washington
Mr. Sean J. Stevens
Mrs. Cristin Dillard

FY26-2031

Alabama
State Board
of Education

Governor Kay Ivey
President

Jackie Zeigler
District I

Tracie West
District II

Kelly Mooney
District III
President Pro Tem

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

Marie Manning
District VI
Vice President

Allen Long, M.D.
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer