



State of MS Education Grant

July 27, 2020

Dear School Administrator:

Since 2008, the **Mississippi Legislature** has provided Mississippi educators and students with access to the *Stride*™ online learning platform. **We are excited to announce our open call for applications for the 2020-21 *Stride* Grant Program.** This program is administered through a grant as a joint effort of the Mississippi Legislature and LTS Education Systems.

Stride provides:

- An online game-based, highly individualized, adaptive learning toolkit for ongoing assessment, targeted skills practice and differentiated instruction
- Curriculum aligned to Mississippi Curriculum Standards/Common Core State Standards
- Seven years of proven effectiveness in helping Mississippi districts improve data
- Optional integration with NWEA MAP test scores to offer more targeted, data-driven instruction.

Your application for the grant award in 2020-2021 indicates:

- Your willingness to use the *Stride* program extensively in your school or afterschool program
- Accountability by reporting back on your progress to the MS DOE/LTS as requested

Interested parties should complete and return the enclosed application by August 7, 2020 by emailing Dr. Pharen Nelson-Burkett at pnelson@k12.com. In addition to the application, a letter stating your past successes with *Stride*, desire to continue using *Stride*, and future plans for using *Stride* should be returned on your letterhead. Upon receiving the grant award, an LTS Academic Specialist will be assigned to assist you with implementation of *Stride*, training, data analysis and frequent program updates. He or she will coordinate with you, using the contact information supplied on your application. Thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Devin M. Sturman'.

Founder & CEO
LTS Education Systems

Stride™ Grant Application for 2020-21

The *Stride* grant provides a tremendous opportunity for motivational skills practice for your students. With your signature below, please commit your willingness to use it extensively for skills practice and data analysis during the upcoming school year. This also indicates your willingness to designate times for staff in-service training updates and provide feedback on the program.

School Name: _____ District: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Contact Persons responsible for *Stride* on your campus: (One is the principal; the other might be technology teacher, classroom teacher, assistant principal, media specialist, or other.)

Name 1 _____ E-mail _____

Position _____ Phone ext. _____

Name 2 _____ E-mail _____

Position _____ Phone ext. _____

Our school, _____, hereby applies to participate in the *Stride* program during the 2020-2021 School Year.

(Administrator Signature)

(Date)

Email the completed form to pnelson@k12.com by August 7, 2020.

Technology requirements for *Stride*:

- *Stride* requires users to upgrade their browser to the current release.
- Supported browsers are:
 - Windows: Chrome (latest version), Firefox (latest version), Internet Explorer 10
 - Mac: Chrome (latest version); Safari (latest version)
 - iPad: Safari 8.4.1
- Full technical specifications can be found by visiting:
http://www.ltseducation.com/stride_certified.php