

Inaugural Mississippi Shared Digital Consortium (MS-SDC)

We're so excited that we can "officially" announce that the [6 Mississippi RESAs](#) are partnering with [MACKIN Educational Resources](#) to help create a Mississippi Shared Digital Consortium (MS-SDC) for the current and future students and educators of the Magnolia State.

6 MS-RESAs:

North MS Education Consortium (NMEC)
Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools (DAAIS)
East MS Center for Educational Development (EMCED)
Southwest MS Education Consortium (SMEC)
Southern Regional Education Service Agency (S-RESA)
Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium (GCEIC)

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What is the Mississippi Shared Digital Consortium MS-SDC?

The MS-SDC is a statewide effort to start a shared digital collection of PK-12 eBooks, audiobooks, and professional materials for any Public or Non-Public PK-12 school in Mississippi. Schools will be able to buy into this shared collection on an annual basis. This MS-SDC was created because there was a critical need for a low-cost solution for schools to gain access to a large, age-appropriate digital collection without having high recurring subscription or hosting fees. MS-SDC will help support Mississippi students and educators in this new era of distance and virtual learning.

Each school calendar year, a new customized grade-level digital package will be curated by the MS-SDC Title Selection Committee (a group of MS-SDC members, teachers, librarians, ELA & curriculum specialists, etc.) that will select titles based on the current needs of Mississippi students and educators for next year's collection.

Note: Each year's MS-SDC title lists will include MS Magnolia list nominees, award winners, high-interest fiction + non-fiction, and much more to help support new themes and topics to support Mississippi's education goals!

Note: The Professional Learning Package will contain resources designed to help teachers, librarians, counselors, and administrators in their daily work, and include materials on instruction methods, classroom management, technology, collaboration, multiple intelligences, and curriculum, as well as inspirational books for educators.

How It Works & Get Started and Our Projected Timeline:

- 1) We would like to invite you to register for one of the following Webinars set for September 9th, 11th, 15th, and 17th at 2:30 pm (1 hour). These webinars will be an introduction and include the details that you will want to know regarding the Inaugural Mississippi Shared Digital Consortium.

Register for one that best fits your schedule from the links below:

- A) [September 9, 2020 at 2:30 pm Central](#)
- B) [September 11, 2020 at 2:30 pm Central](#)
- C) [September 15, 2020 at 2:30 pm Central](#)
- D) [September 17, 2020 at 2:30 pm Central](#)

- 2) After the first scheduled webinar, the districts can begin signing up their schools or have their schools sign up by filling out the 2020-2021 MS-SDC "[Letter of Intent Order Form](#)" form, based on each school's population and package your school would like to purchase.

- **Note:** Districts/Schools can purchase multiple packages for the same school. You will be able to request a quote or have an invoice sent to you immediately after signing up in the order form.

- 3) The number of titles and copies will be determined **based on how many schools sign up**. The more districts and schools that participate, the larger the collection.

- 4) Titles in the inaugural digital shared collection packages will all be single-user access and will be mostly perpetual (estimated Elem 93%, Middle 80%, High 80%), along with essential titles for MS that are only available in a subscription license.

- **Note:** You can still purchase multi-user and additional single-user titles at the school-level that only your students will have access to in addition to participating in the shared collection.

- 5) For any title that is perpetually licensed, your school will own and have access to that title forever.

- **Note:** Even if you choose not to participate in the 2021-2022 or other future packages, you will still have access to perpetual titles purchased in the 2020-2021 school year.

- 6) To participate in the initial roll-out, please fill out the "[Letter of Intent Order Form](#)". You must have your Purchase Order or payment submitted by **October 2nd, 2020**. If your PO/payment is not received by **October 2nd**, you will not be eligible to participate in this first roll-out of titles.

7) Titles will be rolled-out to all the schools in one month from when MACKIN receives all orders from the 6 RESAs and will be combined with your own, school-level MackinVIA collection.

- **Note:** *If you do not have a free personal mackin.com account, please make sure to register for one at www.mackin.com. This is where you will access your administrative settings.*

MS SDC Pricing Structure:

Pricing Tier for MS-SDC Grade-Level Packages based on # of students per school:

Number of Students:	<u>< 250</u>	<u>251-500</u>	<u>501-1000</u>	<u>1001-2000</u>	<u>2001+</u>
PK-5 Package	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
6-8 Package	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
9-12 Package	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00

Professional Learning Package is included

- **Note:** *Districts/Schools can purchase Multiple Packages for the same school.*

Additional RESA Fee is a separate line item:

Less than 1,000 students - \$250 per district

1,001 - 5,000 students - \$500 per district

5,001 - 10,000 students - \$750 per district

greater than 10,000 students - \$1,000 per district

Here are the estimated totals for this year's MS collection if all districts and schools sign up:

- A) PreK-5 Package \$155,000 (696 titles/7,770 items)
- B) 6-8 Package \$155,000 (575 titles/6,600 items)
- C) 9-12 Package \$155,000 (599 titles/ 6,090 items)
- D) Professional Package \$68,850 (51 titles/1,925 items)

- **Note:** *We may need to adjust the Grade-Level package totals depending on the total number of schools that sign up.*

How will next year's Mississippi Shared Digital Consortium be chosen?

The RESAs will implement MS-SDC Title Selection Committee for Members by selecting one librarian and teacher from each grade band from each RESA to work with MDE content specialist and school library specialist to curate each year's list.

Some Benefits of a Shared Digital Collection with MackinVIA:

1. Please watch this video of an overview of [MackinVIA](#) .
2. Build and curate a robust digital collection for your students of Mississippi that will last for generations with NO hosting fees and free Marc records to support library catalog integration.
3. The collection will assist each school in meeting standards on the MS Library Audit and Professional Growth Rubrics.
4. Most of the collection you will own (*estimated Elem 93%, Middle 80%, High 80%*). Schools never lose access to perpetually licensed titles (even if you choose not to participate the following year).
5. FREE district/school level trainings provided by your local MACKIN Consultant, James Taylor.
6. MackinVIA is a classroom user friendly digital platform for teachers that can customize and curate digital resources into their own GROUPS for their student's classroom assignments (eBooks, audiobooks, databases, videos, and websites).
7. We can allow each school/district to authenticate as they choose to streamline student access for a safe and secure digital environment. Ex. Clever
8. MackinVIA can be integrated with your Learning Management System (LMS) such as Google Classroom, Canvas and Schoology, etc.
9. MackinVIA-Hosted eBooks and audiobooks can be downloaded and read offline with our MackinVIA Reader App.
10. Additional MackinVIA reader tools such as text to speech, notetaking, highlighting, citations, and more.
11. Always have a collection that supports the students of Mississippi and assist teachers with resources for curriculum support.
12. MackinVIA gives you more flexibility by having your own school-level collection along with the MS-SDC.



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