

Statutory Responsibilities of the MDHE

Fiscal

- Coordinate and submit a unified higher education budget request
- Enforce the Higher Education Funding Act (“Tuition Stabilization”), including waivers

Planning

- Develop a Coordinated Plan for Higher Education
- Develop a Master Plan for technical and vocational training
- Collect and analyze data
- Establish state and institution-specific performance measures
- Inform public policy
- Conduct institutional mission reviews
- Issue Annual Report to Governor and General Assembly
- Report to Joint Committee on Education

Academic Programs

- Review (public and independent) and approve (public only – also includes out-of-state coming to Missouri)
- Recommend development, consolidation or elimination
- Approve out-of-district courses
- Set competencies for first course in major subject areas
- Develop student transfer guidelines
- Administer Studies in Energy Conservation fund with Department of Natural Resources
- Provide rules to ensure faculty credentials and student evaluations are posted on institutional websites

Institutional Relationships

- Coordinate reciprocal agreements
- Approve residence centers
- Develop admission guidelines
- Determine student residence status
- Conduct binding dispute resolutions
- Impose institutional fines for willfully disregarding state policy
- Determine English language proficiency of graduate teaching assistants
- Ensure course coverage of US and Missouri constitutions

Financial aid

- Administers 7 grant programs for undergraduates, plus 2 new programs added in FY 2010
- Enforce limitations on tuition charged to war veterans
- Administer the Missouri Teachers Fellows Program
- Disseminate procedures for documentation of proof of citizenship of eligible grant recipients

State Guaranty Agency for Student Loans

- Administers Missouri Student Loan Program
- Conducts outreach and early awareness
- Encourages maximum involvement and participation by lenders and financial institutions in the student loan program
- Administers claims and collections on defaulted borrowers
- Provides marketing and customer assistance
- Acts as lender of last resort loans
- Enters into agreements with and receives grants from US government in connection with federal programs of assistance
- Files all federal reports

Proprietary Schools

- Licenses and oversees all for-profit schools
- Licenses and oversees some not-for-profit Missouri postsecondary education institutions.
- Licenses and oversees out-of-state higher education institutions offering instruction in the state of Missouri (public out-of-state are exempt but go through program approval similar to in-state publics)
- Licenses and oversees certain types of student recruitment by non-Missouri institutions.
- Requires annual recertification

Assignments in statute to serve on other state boards

- MOHELA
- MOST
- P-20
- Missouri Workforce Investment Board
- Holocaust Commission
- Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders