

Community

Okolona, “The Little City That Does Big Things,” is approximately 22 minutes from Tupelo and an hour and a half from Memphis, TN. There are both public and private recreational facilities nearby. The cost of living is below the national average. Located as a hub between four cities: Tupelo, Amory, Houston and West Point, Okolona industries play a major role in furniture manufacturing in the area.



Application Process

The Okolona Municipal School District seeks a leader who can lead the district to new levels of success. The successful candidate will assume leadership of the district on August 1, 2022. **Applications for the position will be accepted from June 13, 2022 – June 28, 2022.** Nominations, letters of application and copies of legal proof of administrative qualifications shall be addressed to:

**Okolona Superintendent Search
466 Woodland Road
Batesville, Mississippi 38606**

Please Note: *The superintendent application is available on the Okolona School District website:*
<https://www.okolona.k12.ms.us>

Applicant's file must be received by **June 28, 2022**, and must contain the following:

- Form letter indicating desire to be considered as a candidate for the position
- Completed superintendent application along with resume
- Official copy of all college and/or university transcripts
- Copy of Mississippi administrator certification or documentation of eligibility to obtain certification
- Three letters of reference

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Okolona Municipal Separate School District Superintendent Search



Excellence in Education

The Okolona Municipal School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer in accordance with all state and federal laws.

Applicants are subjected to financial and criminal background checks as required by Mississippi Law.

***Application Deadline
June 28, 2022***

The School District

The Okolona School District is made up of four schools: Okolona Elementary School, Okolona Middle School, Okolona High School and the Okolona Vocational Complex.

Graduation Rate	80%
Dropout	15%
ACT Score	16.8
Enrollment	525
District Rating	D-527

The Okolona School District desires to maintain a learning environment, to provide successful instructional programs and to offer students the experiences in technology that will prepare them for a challenging workforce.



Application Criteria

The Superintendent of Schools serves as the chief executive officer of the school district and is responsible to the Board of Trustees for ensuring compliance with all board policies, Mississippi State Board of Education rules and regulations, and state and federal laws.

The district seeks a leader who:

- Holds a valid Mississippi administrator license or is eligible to obtain one
- Holds a Master's degree in school administration/leadership (Doctorate preferred)
- Has proven leadership skills
- Will enforce school board policies fairly and consistently
- Demonstrates strong interpersonal skills
- Works collaboratively with teachers, students, parents, board members and the community
- Possesses knowledge of K-12 curriculum
- Has experience in budget preparation and sound fiscal management
- Has the ability to make and implement tough decisions
- Places students first in the decision making
- Has maintained a track record of increasing student achievement
- Committed to working with the board to establish and implement a vision for the district

Criteria Continued

Mississippi Code 37-9-13: Has served as a superintendent or an assistant superintendent within the last five years, or has classroom or administrative experience of not less than six years which shall include at least three years of administrative experience as a school building principal in a school (1) with an "A" or "B" accountability rating, (2) that increased its accountability rating by a letter grade during the period in which the applicant was employed as a principal at the school, or (3) in another state with a comparable accountability rating or improvement as verified by the Mississippi Department of Education, or (4) meets Alternative Superintendent Licensure Qualifications for Non-Education Candidates as posted on Mississippi Department of Education Licensure website.

