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## Mission

The Superintendents Academy provides opportunities for Mississippi educators to explore the most crucial leadership position in American education, the role of the superintendent. Delta State University, Nissan, and the Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools designed the format to allow participants to engage in meaningful interaction with presenters, while also allowing time to reflect on their goals and develop strategies to achieve them.

Delta State University and the Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools are honored to host this event every year. Delta State University has earned a reputation of excellence in instruction, service, and research. From a small teacher-training institution in the 1920's, the University has grown to over 4,000 students with a corresponding growth in physical facilities. The growth and success of the University are tributes to the dedication of the faculty and staff, the hard work of the students, and the strong support of the IHL Board and state legislature.

The Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools is a voluntary consortium of Mississippi Educational Institutions located in or adjacent to the geographic region known as the Mississippi Delta. The primary purpose of DAAIS is to provide quality services and professional development opportunities for school personnel of member schools and curriculum and enrichment opportunities for their students.

## Format

The Academy offers intense interaction with experts and educational leaders who are committed to fostering excellence for schools in the 21st century. These individuals have been recognized as leaders in their fields and they offer best practices, as well as the latest ideas and issues in administration.

The agenda is designed specifically to strengthen leadership skills and increase professional competency. In a stimulating and creative learning environment, participants interact in small and large group discussions, hands-on activities and a field trip while learning to:

- Build and market strengths
- Examine political climates
- Build and maintain collaborative trust with school boards
- Probe legal issues and related topics
- Foster media relations
- Develop creative problem solving & interpersonal communication skills
- Implement data driven decision making
- Manage fiscal resources
- Work with diverse constituencies
- Develop and manage a leadership team
- Understand the relationship between wellness, educator success and student achievement.

## Dates

Sessions are scheduled over a ten-month period which includes one week on campus and three additional sessions spaced throughout the year.

### Summer Institute

**July 21 - 25, 2008 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

### 3 Additional Sessions

**\*TBA\* 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

## Location

Simmons Room-Alumni/Foundation House  
Delta State University /Cleveland, Mississippi

## Program Fees

The \$50 program fee includes all instructional activities, a resource binder of reading materials, refreshment breaks, and morning and noon meals during the summer institute.

## Lodging

Participants may commute daily or stay in university dormitories or in local hotels. (Over-night accommodations are the responsibility of the individual.)

## Registration

Complete the attached Registration Form and return it with the \$50 non-refundable program fee by **May 15**. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended! SEMI credit is available. University credit is available upon admission to DSU. Participation priority is given to current administrators.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

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Title of Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

*Return registration form and program fee to:*

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