



## **On the Bus Bell Ringer Rules & Application**

The Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Dropout Prevention invites Mississippi teachers to submit their best five-minute bell-ringer ideas on dropout prevention. A bell-ringer is generally a 5-10 minute 'warm up' activity designed to prompt a reaction from classroom students. The dropout prevention bell-ringers should be designed to encourage students to think about the statewide impact of students dropping out of school, and find ways to motivate all children to stay On the Bus to high school graduation.

Submissions will be accepted from all grade levels and academic areas. Fifteen \$100.00 gift cards will be awarded to the top five submissions in each of the following three categories: elementary, middle, and high school. Educators whose entries are recognized for "honorable mention" will receive \$50.00 gift cards. These awards are made available by the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation.

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Please complete the attached application and mail or fax to:  
Mississippi Department of Education  
Office of Dropout Prevention  
P.O. Box 771  
Jackson, MS 39205  
Attention: On the Bus Bell Ringer Application  
Fax: 601.576.3504

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### **Contest Rules:**

1. This program is open to educators currently serving in Mississippi public schools.
2. Joint submissions will be accepted. However, one single prize will be granted for each winning submission.
3. Selection of winning submissions will be based upon the following criteria:
  - Creativity
  - Originality
  - Grade level suitability
  - Proposed classroom impact
4. Submissions will be reviewed by a team of education and dropout prevention experts.
5. Educators selected for a \$100.00 or \$50.00 gift card will be asked to submit detailed information on how funds will be used to enhance the quality of education in the classroom.
6. The deadline date for submissions has been extended to Friday, December 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Submissions received after the deadline date will NOT be accepted.
7. Award recipients agree to have their photographs used on the On the Bus website and/or other promotional material.
8. Winning bell-ringers will be made available to all school districts in early 2009.

**Teacher Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bell Ringer Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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