OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items February 16-17, 2012

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

19.A. <u>Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To remove State</u>
<u>Board Policy 3800 – Graduation Requirements</u>

The contents and revisions of this policy will be included in two new State Board Policies, State Board Policy 3801 and State Board Policy 3802. The heading 3800 – Graduation Requirements will remain in the Table of Contents in the State Board of Education Policy Manual.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Mississippi Department of Education

DESCRIPTOR TERM:	CODE:
Graduation Requirements	3800
ADOPTION DATE:	REVISION:
February 23, 2001	December 13, 2002

STATE BOARD POLICY

Policies for Subject Area Testing

- Students will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the Carnegie unit was earned by the student in a Mississippi public school prior to the 2001-2002 school year.
- Students entering a Mississippi public school will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts Carnegie units earned by the student in a public school of another state as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma.
- Students entering a Mississippi public school will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts Carnegie units earned by the student in a private school as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma, provided the private school is accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi.
- Students entering a Mississippi public school will be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts Carnegie units earned by the student in a private school as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma if the private school is not accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi.
- Students entering a Mississippi public school will be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts Carnegie units earned by the student through home schooling as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma
- Any Mississippi public school student who fails to pass a required Subject Area Test will be

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offered a chance to retake the test three times each year until a passing score is achieved:

- At or near the end of the fall semester,
- At or near the end of the spring semester, and
- At or near the end of summer school.
- Any Mississippi public school student shall not be awarded Carnegie unit credit unless the
 core objectives identified in the Mississippi Curriculum Framework have been mastered.
 Passage of the required Subject Area Test is a separate requirement towards graduation and
 shall not be criteria for awarding Carnegie unit credit.