

OFFICE OF CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

10. Report of the 2014-15 statewide and district test scores in English and math grades 3-8, Kindergarten readiness (MKAS²), and ACT [Goal 1 – MDE Strategic Plan]

Executive Summary

A. PARCC

Students in SY 2014-15 took the transitional Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment in English II, Algebra I, and grades 3 through 8 English language arts and mathematics. The state-level results for the grades 3 through 8 English language arts and math assessments are now ready to release to the public. Data for English II and Algebra I were presented on November 5.

B. MKAS

The State Board of Education approved the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) on January 17, 2014. One of the components of the system is a statewide Kindergarten Readiness Assessment as required in MS Code 37-21-11. The approved Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is designed to measure the readiness skills of students entering kindergarten. This assessment identifies each student's individual needs while enabling teachers to make informed instructional decisions. The assessment data collected will be used to expand professional development for teachers, improve the quality of classroom instruction and determine interventions and services that students need to be successful.

C. ACT

Students classified as juniors in SY 2014 -15 took the ACT state test. The purpose of the ACT is to provide career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college and predicts their success in college. The 2014 – 2015 data serve as a baseline for student performance.

This item references Goal 1 of the *Mississippi Department of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

No action: Discussion only

Back-up material presented at the meeting