

OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 19-20, 2015

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

04. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation

On January 17, 2014, the State Board of Education approved the proposed assessment options for graduation and the establishment of State Board Policy 3804.

State Board Policy 3803, *Assessments Required for Graduation*, outlines the graduation requirements for end-of-course subject area tests in the areas of Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History. In an effort to provide flexibility to students, State Board Policy 3804 provides approved options for students to meet these high school end-of-course assessment requirements through alternate measures.

State Board of Education Policy 3804 states that a student is eligible to use any of the approved options to meet graduation requirements once he or she has failed to pass any required end-of-course subject area test two times. This proposed revision would allow a student to meet the graduation requirements once he or she has failed to pass any required end-of-course subject area test **one time**.

The proposed revision to State Board Policy 3804 will increase the opportunities for students to meet all graduation requirements. In addition, the PARCC assessments being administered during the 2014-2015 school year in Algebra I and English II are one-year assessments. The MDE is currently in the process of selecting a vendor to provide the assessments for the 2015-2016 school year and thereafter.

The MDE will continue to provide re-test opportunities for each of the end-of-course subject area tests to students by administering the legacy assessments, such as FLE, SATP, SATP2, and PARCC for students who do not meet the additional options outlined in State Board Policy 3804.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

State Board Policy 3804

DESCRIPTOR TERM: Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course Subject Area Test Graduation Requirements

CODE: 3804

ADOPTION DATE: January 17, 2014

REVISION:

State Board Policy 3803, *Assessments Required for Graduation*, outlines the end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements. State Board Policy 3804 provides approved options for students to meet these high school end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements through approved alternate measures. State Board Policy 3804 applies to past, current, and future Mississippi students.

While it is possible that a student will meet one of the options below before taking the subject area test, this policy states that a student is eligible to use any of these options once he or she has failed to pass any required end-of-course subject area test ~~two~~ **one** times. Specifically, students may meet the graduation requirement outlined in State Board Policy 3803 by attaining any one of the measures outlined below for each of the subject area tests listed.

1. Algebra I
 - a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the Math subject subscore of the ACT.
 - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment/dual credit /college credit course with a MAT prefix.
 - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and outlined in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
 - d. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the

current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

2. Biology I

- a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the Science subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a BIO prefix.
- c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
- d. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

3. English II

- a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the English subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with an ENG prefix.
- c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

- d. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

4. U.S. History

- a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the reading subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a HIS prefix.
- c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
- d. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

Source: MS Code 37-17-6 and 37-16-7

(Adopted 1/2014)

Mississippi Graduation Assessment Options State Board of Education Policy 3804

Assessment Options	Math	Science	English	Social Studies
ACT	17 (Math)	17 (Science)	17 (English)	17 (Reading)
Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment	C or higher in MAT credit- bearing course	C or higher in BIO credit- bearing course	C or higher in ENG credit- bearing course	C or higher in HIS credit- bearing course
ASVAB + MS-CPAS2 OR Industry Certification	ASVAB score of 36 plus one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements <li style="text-align: center;">OR 2. Earn approved Industry Certification specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint (Appendix A-5) 			
ACT WorkKeys + MS-CPAS2 OR Industry Certification	WorkKeys Silver Level plus one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements <li style="text-align: center;">OR 2. Earn approved Industry Certification specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint (Appendix A-5) 			