

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
June 17, 2021

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION
OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

- J. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically Process Standard 14.3 and Appendices A-10 and A-11 and Miss. Admin. Code: 7-163, *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically Process Standard 12.2 and Appendices A-10 and A-11

Background Information: The proposed revisions to the graduation requirements outlined in Process Standard 14.3 and Appendices A-10 and A-11 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020* and Process Standard 12.2 and Appendices A-10 and A-11 of the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2020* to provide clarity to districts for the alternate courses that meet the requirements for the Alternate Diploma or the Certificate of Completion to ensure compliance.

The Commission on School Accreditation (CSA) met during a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021 and voted unanimously to submit a request to the SBE to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*.

The proposed revisions to the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2020* align to the proposed revisions to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

*Appendices A-10 and A-11 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020* and *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2020* are the same and only appear once in the back-up material provided.

Proposed revision to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*

Proposed Revision to Process Standard 14.3:

Beginning with incoming ninth graders of 2018-2019, each student who has ~~completed the secondary curriculum for special education~~ met the criteria for the certificate of completion, may be issued a certificate of completion. ~~, which states: "This student has successfully completed an Individualized Education Program."~~ Students receiving a certificate of completion may participate in high school graduation exercises. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16- 11(1). See Appendix A-11.

Proposed New Process Standard 14.3:

Beginning with incoming ninth graders of 2018-2019, each student who has met the criteria for the certificate of completion, may be issued a certificate of completion. Students receiving a certificate of completion may participate in high school graduation exercises. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16- 11(1). See Appendix A-11.

**Excerpt from
Appendix A-10
Standard 14
ALTERNATE DIPLOMA OPTION**

Proposed Revision:

Any student with a significant cognitive disability who completes the minimum graduation requirements as specified below and has achieved a level of Passing or Proficient on ~~each of the required high school the end-of-course~~ alternate assessments, is eligible to receive an Alternate Diploma. ~~Students must participate in the alternate assessments during the year the student is enrolled in the corresponding courses (Alternate Biology, Alternate English II, Alternate Algebra).~~ The local school district may establish additional local requirements approved by the local school board as authorized under Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16-7.

Proposed New:

Any student with a significant cognitive disability who completes the minimum graduation requirements as specified below and has achieved a level of Passing or Proficient on the end-of-course alternate assessments, is eligible to receive an Alternate Diploma. Students must participate in the alternate assessments during the year the student is enrolled in the corresponding courses (Alternate Biology, Alternate English II, Alternate Algebra). The local school district may establish additional local requirements approved by the local school board as authorized under Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16-7.

**Excerpt from
APPENDIX A-11
Graduation Requirements
Standard 14
Certificate of Completion**

Proposed Revision:

~~All students~~ Students pursuing a Certificate of Completion are required to participate in the Mississippi statewide assessment program deemed appropriate by their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) Committee.

Students working toward the Certificate of Completion who meet the criteria for a Significant Cognitive Disability are required to participate in the high school end-of-course alternate assessment during the school year the student is enrolled in the corresponding alternate course (Alternate Biology, Alternate English II, Alternate Algebra).

Students working toward the Certificate of Completion who do not meet the criteria for a Significant Cognitive Disability are required to participate in the regular high school end-of course subject area test(s) during the school year the student is enrolled in the corresponding course(s).

Proposed New:

Students pursuing a Certificate of Completion are required to participate in the Mississippi statewide assessment program deemed appropriate by their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) Committee.

Students working toward the Certificate of Completion who meet the criteria for a Significant Cognitive Disability are required to participate in the high school end-of-course alternate assessment during the school year the student is enrolled in the corresponding alternate course (Alternate Biology, Alternate English II, Alternate Algebra).

Students working toward the Certificate of Completion who do not meet the criteria for a Significant Cognitive Disability are required to participate in the regular high school end-of course subject area test(s) during the school year the student is enrolled in the corresponding course(s).

Proposed revision to the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2020*

Proposed Revision to Process Standard 12.2:

Beginning with incoming ninth graders of 2018-2019, each student who has ~~completed the secondary curriculum for special education~~ met the criteria for the certificate of completion, may be issued a certificate of completion. ~~, which states: "This student has successfully completed an Individualized Education Program."~~ Students receiving a certificate of completion may participate in high school graduation exercises. (Appendix A-11) Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16- 11(1).

Proposed New Process Standard 12.2:

Beginning with incoming ninth graders of 2018-2019, each student who has met the criteria for the certificate of completion, may be issued a certificate of completion. Students receiving a certificate of completion may participate in high school graduation exercises. (Appendix A-11) Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16- 11(1).