

Chapter 48: MAEP (Mississippi Adequate Education Program)

Rule 48.7 Determination of “inordinately large number of absentees. To determine “inordinately large” as that term is used in 37-151-103(3) a school district must notify the State Superintendent of Education in writing by December 1 of the current school year of a decrease in attendance and the reason for the decrease in attendance. If the State Superintendent determines that the reason for the decrease in attendance is a result of epidemic, natural disaster, or any concerted activity discouraging school attendance then the following process will be used to determine if there is “an inordinately large number of absentees”.

1. The State Department of Education shall divide the school district’s months two and three average daily attendance (ADA) by the school district’s months two and three average daily enrollment (ADM) for grades kindergarten through 12th grade (exclusive of self-contained special education grades) for the current school year to determine the percentage of attendance to enrollment for the current school year.
2. The State Department of Education shall determine the school district’s five- year average of the percentage of months two and three average daily attendance to the school district’s months two and three average daily enrollment (ADM) for the same grades defined in step 1 above using the last five years of attendance and enrollment data as reported through the Mississippi Student Information System (MSIS). Current year’s enrollment and attendance data are excluded from the five-year average calculation.
3. Subtract the result of Step 1 from the result of Step 2. If the resulting percentage is two percent (2%) or greater the district will be considered to have an inordinately large number of absentees.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Adopted 10/2009)*