

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**February 16, 2017**

**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

- 04 . Action: Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the SAT equivalent to the ACT (Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan)

Background Information: On January 13, 2017, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the SAT equivalent to the ACT.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-3-2, no teacher candidate should be granted licensure without meeting the score criteria of twenty-one (21) on the ACT equivalent or a passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam, etc. With the approval of the SAT equivalent, teacher candidates would have the option of taking the ACT and/or SAT to meet licensure requirements.

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Division of Research and Development  
Office of Educator Licensure**

***SAT Equivalent Scores to ACT***

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2, from and after September 30, 2015, no teacher candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi without meeting the criteria of a twenty-one (21) on the ACT equivalent or achieving the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination, etc.

To fulfill teacher license requirements, recruits have the option of taking the ACT and/or the SAT. The chart below details the scores required to obtain the license based on the SAT equivalent at the time the test was taken.

ACT	SAT (March 2016 and thereafter)	SAT (Aug. 2015 to Feb. 2016)	SAT (1995 to Aug. 2015)	SAT (Prior to 1995)
21 and Above	1060 and Above	990 and Above	980 and Above	870 and Above

All candidates must meet the ACT equivalent at the time the assessment was taken.

\*The chart above was verified by SAT.