

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**September 14, 2017**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

- D. Revise State Board Policy Rule 36.5 to reflect approved dual enrollment and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) requirements as assessment options in lieu of passing the end-of-course assessments effective school year 2017-2018  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)

Background Information: Based on inquiries from local districts regarding the use of the Pre-Screen ASVAB score (PICAT) in lieu of the ASVAB, clarification in State Board Policy Rule 36.5 is needed. The PICAT is a predictor of how a student may perform on the actual ASVAB. The proposed clarifying language will indicate that PICAT scores are not allowable to meet graduation assessment options.

Additionally, clarification to State Board Policy Rule 36.5 is needed to specify the college-level courses allowable as part of the dual enrollment/dual credit graduation assessment option.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

## Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

*Rule 36.5 Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course Subject Area Test Graduation Requirements.* Rule 36.4, Assessments Required for Graduation, outlines the end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements. State Board Policy Rule 36.5 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 Rule 36.5 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 one time. Specifically, students may meet the graduation requirements outlined in State Board Policy Rule 36.4 by attaining any one of the measures outlined below for each of the subject areas tests listed.

### 1. Algebra I

- a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the Math subject sub score of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an dual enrollment/dual credit/ College Algebra.
- c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 (PICAT prescreen scores are not allowable) **plus one** of the following:
  - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. 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 on the ACT Work Keys plus one of the following:
  - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. 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 sub score of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an dual enrollment/dual credit/College-Biology I.
- c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 (PICAT prescreen scores are not allowable) **plus one** of the following:

- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. 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 Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. 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 sub score of the ACT>
  - b. Earn a C or higher in dual enrollment/dual credit/ College English Composition I.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 (PICAT prescreen scores are not allowable) **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. 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 Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway’s Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in 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 sub score of the ACT.
  - b. Earn a C or higher in dual enrollment/dual credit/College American History I.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 (PICAT prescreen scores are not allowable) **plus one** of the following:

- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. 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 Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. 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 Ann. §37-1-3, 37-17-6, and 37-16-7* (Revised 7/2017)