

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 19, 2025

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

06.F. Action: Approve the award to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for Fiscal Year 2026 to administer statewide assessments for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP), including the alternate assessment program (MAAP-A) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311

Scope of Project:

Background: The MAAP program is designed to measure students' knowledge, skills, and academic growth in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics; Science, and U.S. History, as outlined in federal and state regulations. The MAAP-A program provides assessments for students with significant cognitive disabilities (SCD).

The number of students who take these assessments are approximately:

- 220,000 students in ELA (grades 3-8 and high school English II),
- 218,000 students in Math (grades 3-8 and high school Algebra I),
- 96,000 students in science (grades 5, 8, and high school Biology),
- 31,000 students in U.S. History, and
- 10,300 students in Alternate ELA, Math, and Science, including high school alternate English II, Biology, and Algebra I.

MDE has previously contracted with multiple vendors to provide these assessment services. The goal for the MDE has been to combine the MAAP program and award one vendor to provide a collective assessment service. A single vendor can provide one platform for districts to utilize for testing which will reduce the set-up process for various assessment platforms. It will also allow consistency in test development processes, administration training, psychometric analysis, scoring, and reporting. The resulting cost savings will allow MDE to provide additional services to help prepare students for testing and to provide parents with better tools to analyze student results and make more informed decisions about their child's education.

The vendor will provide services and products related to content and programmatic development, technical, and psychometric assessment activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Delivery of an online portal system which securely delivers test setup, administration, and reporting functions,
- Modified Item Development Processes for all assessments,

- Printing and Delivery of Individual Student Reports to Districts, and
- Development of a Technical Report with complete psychometric details for all assessments.

In addition to the assessment services listed above, the vendor will provide new services for FY26, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Lexiles and Quantiles introduced into the MAAP item banks and used in reporting results,
- Enhanced accommodations for MAAP, i.e., Speech-to-Text for ELA writing prompts, Refreshable Braille, and American Sign Language (ASL) embedded video,
- Enhanced practice test services and features,
- Benchmark testing for all MAAP students with questions aligned to the Mississippi standards with automated scoring/reporting with writing prompt responses analysis (beginning year 2),
- Development of new MAAP-A items with teacher committee input for new assessments,
- Validate new MAAP-A online test designs and blueprints for new assessments,
- Enhanced test security features within the assessments, and
- A new fall testing window for middle schools that wish to offer a 4x4 schedule.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030
- Amount to be Awarded: Not to exceed \$81,105,766
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal and State Funds

This item references Goals and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Five Year Contract Cost Per Assessment Type				
	MAAP G3-8	MAAP- EOC	MAAP-A	Total
Year 1	\$10,644,842	\$2,911,379	\$3,403,047.00	\$16,959,268
Year 2	\$9,285,885	\$3,365,738	\$2,847,866.00	\$15,499,489
Year 3	\$9,300,540	\$4,035,414	\$2,638,393.00	\$15,974,347
Year 4	\$9,870,663	\$3,541,960	\$2,863,940.00	\$16,276,563
Year 5	\$9,646,284	\$3,464,195	\$3,285,620.00	\$16,396,099
5-Year Total				\$81,105,766

Note: Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP) and the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program – Alternate, (MAAP-A) for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD)