

Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

Rule 36.6 Optional Graduation Requirement for Students Displaced by a Federally or Nationally Declared Natural Disaster

The State Board of Education encourages Mississippi school districts to make every effort to assist displaced students in meeting Mississippi graduation requirements.

In situations where students are displaced from other states, territories, or countries due to a federally or nationally declared natural disaster and have been unsuccessful in meeting the Mississippi graduation requirements, the State Superintendent of Public Education shall have the authority to allow these displaced students to graduate from a Mississippi public school if certain criteria are met as described below.

The State Superintendent of Public Education may grant the Mississippi school district in which the student is enrolled as a senior the authority to collaborate with school officials from the student's home state, territory, or country to determine the procedures and requirements (i.e., assessment and course requirements) for awarding a diploma to eligible students.

This policy shall be limited to students who were last enrolled as a junior or senior in their home school in another state, territory, or country.

Source: 42 U.S.C. § 11432 and Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-1-3, 37-16-7, and 37-17-6 (Adopted 7/2019).