

**Office of Student Assessment
Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) Update
School Year 2021 – 2022**

Following the review of previous English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics testing administrations, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) recommended the following updates to the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) Assessments beginning with school year 2021 – 2022:

1. Mathematics Updates (Questar Assessments, Inc. “Questar”)

The Questar psychometricians conducted simulation studies to evaluate the content representation and technical characteristics for various options of shortening the test. After two years of thorough analysis of various studies and actual student results, the TAC recommended a shortened test that includes removing Session 2 from the mathematics assessments. Where applicable, Session 2 items will be incorporated into Session 1 to meet blueprint expectations. There will be consistency in the test construction methods, the performance level descriptors, and the cognitive complexity. This change will maximize instructional time for students and educators by reducing time required for summative assessments.

2. Time Limits for Tests: Questar and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

To alleviate confusion and provide consistency across all assessment programs, the TAC approved a revision to the testing times for all MAAP assessments. The MDE is encouraging districts/schools to use flexibility to dismiss students for other activities if all students complete the test earlier than the proposed time.

Please refer to the following chart for current Session 1 testing time limits and the revised testing time limits for each content area/grade band/course beginning school year 2021 – 2022. Please note Session 2 is not included in the chart. **The ELA Writing (Session 2) will remain unchanged with the 75-minute time limit.**

**Revised Testing Time Limits Beginning School Year 2021 – 2022
for Session 1 ELA/Mathematics, Biology and U.S. History**

Content Area	Grade Band/ Course	Current Time Limit	Revised Time Limit
ELA	Grades 3 – 5	113 minutes	180 minutes
Mathematics	Grades 3 – 5	127 minutes	180 minutes
ELA	Grades 6 – 8	138 minutes	180 minutes
Mathematics	Grades 6 – 8	157 minutes	180 minutes
Science	Grade 5	180 minutes	180 minutes
Science	Grade 8	180 minutes	180 minutes
English II	End-of-Course	138 minutes	180 minutes
Algebra I	End-of-Course	157 minutes	180 minutes
Biology	End-of-Course	Not timed	180 minutes
U.S. History	End-of-Course	Not timed	180 minutes

Additional correspondence regarding the assessment blueprints is forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding the MAAP updates for school year 2021 – 2022 outlined above, please contact the Office of Student Assessment, 601-359-3052.