

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
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OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

05. Report on status of current Children First Act, New Start, Charter Conversion, and Schools At-Risk Laws

No Action: Discussion Only

Children First Act (CFA)	Charter Conversion	New Start School	Schools At-Risk Legislation
<p>Senate Bill 2628, 2009 session</p> <p>Impacts: DISTRICTS</p> <p>A state of emergency MAY be declared in a DISTRICT labeled as failing for 2 consecutive years. Once a state of emergency is declared, the superintendent and board may be removed by the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Timing based on RESULTS from: Year 1: 2009-2010 School Year (label 10-11) Year 2: 2010-2011 School Year (label 11-12) New Year 1: 11-12 data (12-13 label)</p> <p>No DISTRICT has yet been placed under conservatorship by authority granted in the CFA. The next possible time for a district to be taken over under CFA will be in the fall of 2013 if that district were to be in the Failing category in the Fall of 2012 and 2013.</p> <p>All districts with a failing school have established some type of community/parent council.</p> <p>STATUS "Year 1"</p> <p>Hinds AHS Yazoo City</p>	<p>MS Code 37-165-1 through 27</p> <p>Impacts: SCHOOLS</p> <p>Allows the parents or guardians of students enrolled in a public SCHOOL designated as low-performing, at-risk of failing or failing for 3 consecutive years to petition the State Board of Education for conversion of the school to charter school status.</p> <p>Timing based on RESULTS from: Year 1: 2009-2010 School Year (label 10-11) Year 2: 2010-2011 School Year (label 11-12) Year 3: 2011-2012 School Year (label 12-13)</p> <p>This is the first year that a community could petition the State Board to convert the local school into a charter school.</p> <p>Fifty percent of the parents that represent the children attending that school must sign a petition asking for charter conversion. As of October 2012, no petitions have been received.</p> <p>STATUS "Year 3" - 35 schools</p> <p>Failing Schools (5) Low Performing Schools (30)</p> <p><i>see reserve side for list</i></p>	<p>MS Code 37-167-1</p> <p>Impacts: SCHOOLS</p> <p>Requires the Mississippi Recovery School District within the State Department of Education to administer the New Start School Program for SCHOOLS that are failing for 3 consecutive years, beginning with the results from the 2009-2010 school year.</p> <p>Timing based on RESULTS from: Year 1: 2009-2010 School Year (label 10-11) Year 2: 2010-2011 School Year (label 11-12) Year 3: 2011-2012 School Year (label 12-13)</p> <p>One SCHOOL has yet met the timeline for the New Start provision - East Oktibbeha County HS in Oktibbeha County.</p> <p>In Year 2, MDE must provide written notice to the principal and each licensed and non-licensed school employee, informing him or her that the school will be transformed into a new start school and his or her employment with the district will be terminated if the school receives a failing classification the succeeding year. A travel restriction is placed on the Superintendent and Board members, and the Board members per-diem is reduced by half.</p> <p>STATUS "Year 1"</p> <p>Failing Schools (5)</p> <p>"Year 2"</p> <p>Failing Schools (2)</p> <p><i>See reverse side for list</i></p>	<p>MS Code 37-18-3 through 7</p> <p>Impacts: SCHOOLS</p> <p>A SCHOOL is determined "At-Risk" if (1) it is labeled failing for any year or (2) is labeled at-risk of failing or low performing for 2 consecutive years.</p> <p>For school year 12-13, fifty-six (56) schools met this definition. Twenty-one (21) of them will receive assistance through Schools At-Risk. The other thirty-five (35) will receive assistance through Federal school improvement efforts.</p> <p>In the event that more than 50% of the schools within the school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any 1 year, the State Board of Education may request that the Governor declare a state of emergency in that school DISTRICT.</p> <p>STATUS Districts with more than 50% SARs (5)</p> <p>Clarksdale (5 of 9) Coahoma County (3 of 5) Coahoma AHS (1 of 1) Hinds AHS (1 of 1) Yazoo City (3 of 3)</p>

Note: Accountability RESULTS from any year determine the LABEL designated in the following school year. For example, a school with a failing label in the 2011-2012 school year, is a RESULT of tests from the 2010-2011 school year.

New Start School	Charter Conversion
<p>5 schools in "Year 1" Status</p> <p>Hinds AHS - Hinds AHS Jefferson County - Jefferson Upper ES *Okolona - Okolona ES Walthall County - Dexter HS Yazoo City - McCoy ES</p> <p>2 schools in "Year 2" Status</p> <p>*Drew/Sunflower County - AW James ES Yazoo City - Yazoo City HS</p> <p>* Conservator District Bold = Failing district</p>	<p>* Aberdeen - Shivers MS Benton County - Ashland HS Claiborne County - Port Gibson HS Clarksdale - Clarksdale HS Higgins MS Oakhurst Acad (MS) Booker T Washington ES Cleveland - DM Smith MS Coahoma County - Coahoma County Jr/Sr HS Friars Point ES Coffeeville - Coffeeville HS Copiah County - Crystal Springs MS Covington County - Mt Olive AC Greenville - Greenville Weston HS</p> <p>Hinds AHS - Hinds AHS Holmes County - Lexington ES *Indianola - Gentry HS Jackson Public - Whitten MS Lee County - Verona ES Leflore County - Amanda Elzy HS Leflore County HS Leland - Leland School Park Meridian - Carver MS Moss Point - Moss Point HS Magnolia JHS Natchez-Adams - Morgantown ES Newton City - Pilate MS Noxubee County - Liddell MS *Okolona - Okolona HS Oktibbeha County - East Oktibbeha County HS West Oktibbeha County HS South Pike - Magnolia ES Walthall County - Dexter HS Yazoo City - McCoy ES Yazoo City HS</p> <p>* Conservator District Bold = Failing school and/or district</p>