

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**February 16-17, 2012**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

19.C. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 3802 – Graduation Requirements – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Proposed Revisions to SBE Policy 3800 – Graduation Requirements  
Commission on School Accreditation – February 2, 2012**

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| DESCRIPTOR TERM:<br><b>Graduation Requirements – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit</b> | CODE:<br><b>3802</b> |
| ADOPTION DATE:<br><b>February 23, 2001</b>   | REVISION:            |

**STATE BOARD POLICY**

**Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit**

Enrollment in a non-public school/program (to include, but not limited to: private schools, parochial schools, home schools, virtual schools, summer schools, independent study / correspondence programs, etc.) shall not be used to circumvent participation in the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System or students meeting the graduation requirements outlined in this policy.

1. Any Mississippi public school student shall not be awarded Carnegie unit credit unless the core objectives identified in the Mississippi Curriculum Framework have been mastered. .
2. For students entering a Mississippi public school from a public school in another state for which the school did not award a credit for the successful completion of a course, the district may accept the course as meeting the requirement for the *Required Subjects* for a diploma in the state of Mississippi provided the district determines that the content of the course taken is comparable. However, the total *Carnegie Unit* requirement for the *Curriculum Area* remains the same.
3. For students entering a Mississippi public school from a regionally accredited private school for which the school did not award credit for the successful completion of a course, the district may accept the course as meeting the requirement for the *Required Subjects* for a diploma in the state of Mississippi provided the district determines that the content of the course taken is comparable. However, the total *Carnegie Unit* requirement for the *Curriculum Area* remains the same.
4. Students entering a public school in Mississippi from any regionally accredited public or private school that awarded a Carnegie Unit for the successful completion of a course, the district may accept the course as meeting the requirement for the “Required Subject” in Appendix A of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
5. Any student previously enrolled in a Mississippi public school who failed a SATP exam and later transfers credit for the same SATP course from either a private school that is accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi or an out-of-state public school must take and pass the exam in order to earn a standard diploma.
6. Any course that is required for subject area testing as a requirement for graduation from a public school in Mississippi is not eligible for dual credit. (MS Code 37-15-38(11))