

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 17-18, 2012

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

24. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3600 - Functional Literacy Exam

Executive Summary

State Board Policy 3600 previously focused on the transition from the Functional Literacy Exam (FLE) to Subject Area end-of-course tests as graduation requirements starting in 2001.

The following revisions to the Functional Literacy Exam policy are proposed:

- Update name to reflect the broader scope of all assessments required for graduation, not just the FLE.
- Re-number the policy to 3803 and include it under board policy category 3800 with the other policies related to graduation requirements.
- Remove the terms “with a writing component” for the English II test to support the recommended change to a formative writing assessment. This change will also remove “from 1877” from the U.S. History test title since that terminology is no longer part of the formal course name.

Note: Proposed language is underlined in bold. Current language to be deleted is indicated by strikethrough.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Mississippi Department of Education

DESCRIPTOR TERM:

Functional Literacy Exam Assessments Required for Graduation

CODE:

3600 3803

ADOPTION DATE:

July 15, 1988

REVISION:

**September 15, 2000
July 18, 2003
February 20, 2004**

STATE BOARD POLICY

Academic end-of-course tests ~~will be~~ **were** phased in during the 2001-2002 school year to replace the (FLE) as a requirement for graduation.

1. **Students who began 9th grade PRIOR to 1999-2000 must pass the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE).**
2. Students who ~~begin~~ **began** 9th grade in school year 1999-2000 (~~anticipated graduation in 2003~~) must pass the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE) plus the Subject Area Test in U.S. History ~~from 1877~~.
3. Students who ~~begin~~ **began** 9th grade in school year 2000-2001 (~~anticipated graduation in 2004~~) must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History ~~from 1877~~ and English II (~~with a writing component~~).
4. Students who ~~begin~~ **began** 9th grade in 2001-2002 (~~anticipated graduation in 2005~~) must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History ~~from 1877~~, English II (~~with a writing component~~), and Biology I.
5. Students who ~~begin~~ **began** 9th grade in 2002-2003 (~~anticipated graduation in 2006~~) must pass the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History ~~from 1877~~, English II (~~with a writing component~~), Biology I and Algebra I. ~~This group of students must pass all four Subject Area Tests even if they take the course(s) prior to their 9th grade year.~~

6. Students who ~~begin~~ **began** 9th grade in 2003-2004 and each year thereafter (~~anticipated graduation in 2007 and later~~) must pass all required Subject Area Tests in U.S. History ~~from 1877~~, English II (~~with a writing component~~), Biology I, and Algebra I ~~even if they take the course(s) prior to their 9th grade year~~.