

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 17-18, 2012**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

- 39B. Approval to establish State Board Policy 3801 – Graduation Requirements – Policies for Subject Area Testing  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment)

On February 2, 2012, the Commission on School Accreditation approved the deletion of State Board Policy 3800 – Graduation Requirements. State Board Policy 3800 will be divided into two new policies and will include revisions: 1) State Board Policy 3801 – Graduation Requirements – Policies for Subject Area Testing and 2) State Board Policy 3802 – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit. The heading 3800 – Graduation Requirements will remain in the Table of Contents in the State Board of Education Policy Manual.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Proposed State Board of Education Policy 3801**  
**Approved by the Commission on School Accreditation February 2, 2012**  
**Approved by the State Board of Education February 17, 2012**

DESCRIPTOR TERM:	CODE:
<b>Graduation Requirements – Policies for Subject Area Testing</b>	<b>3801</b>
ADOPTION DATE:	REVISION:
<b>February 17, 2012</b>	

**STATE BOARD POLICY   Policies for Subject Area Testing**

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. Students will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the student earns or receives credit (i.e. course completed as recorded on an official transcript) in a Mississippi public school prior to the 2001-2002 school year. (MS Code 37-16-7)
2. Any student enrolled in a Mississippi public school who concurrently earns a Carnegie unit for any course which includes a required end-of-course Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) exam from a non-public school (to include, but not limited to: private school, parochial school, home school, virtual school, summer school, or independent study / correspondence program, etc.) must take and pass the SATP exam in order to earn a standard diploma.
3. Students entering a Mississippi public school will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts credit earned by the student in a public school of another state as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma.
4. Students entering a Mississippi public school will not be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts credit earned by the student in a private school as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma, provided the private school is accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi.
5. Students entering a Mississippi public school will be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts credit earned by the student in a private school as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma if the private school is not accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi.
6. Students entering a Mississippi public school will be required to pass any end-of-course Subject Area Test in a course for which the school accepts credit earned by the student through home schooling as fulfilling the requirements for a Mississippi high school diploma.

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7. Any Mississippi public school student who fails to pass a required Subject Area Test will be offered a chance to retake the test three times each year until a passing score is achieved:
  - a. At or near the end of the fall semester,
  - b. At or near the end of the spring semester, and
  - c. At or near the end of summer school.
8. 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)).
9. Passage of the required Subject Area Test is a separate requirement for graduation.