

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 19-20, 2012

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

08. Approval to revise State Board Policy 3600--Functional Literacy Exam
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)

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.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Mississippi Department of Education

DESCRIPTOR TERM: **Assessments Required for Graduation**

CODE: **3803**

ADOPTION DATE:

July 15, 1988

REVISION:

**September 15, 2000
July 18, 2003
February 20, 2004
July 20, 2012**

STATE BOARD POLICY

Academic end-of-course tests 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 began 9th grade in school year 1999-2000 must pass the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE) plus the Subject Area Test in U.S. History.
3. Students who began 9th grade in school year 2000-2001 must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History and English II.
4. Students who began 9th grade in 2001-2002 must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History, English II, and Biology I.
5. Students who began 9th grade in 2002-2003 must pass the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History, English II, Biology I and Algebra I. Students who began 9th grade in 2003-2004 and each year thereafter must pass all required Subject Area Tests in U.S. History, English II, Biology I, and Algebra I.

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Subject: Repeal of State Board Policy 3600 – Functional Literacy Exam

Date: May 21, 2012

Proposal: Students entering the 9th grade in 2012 must pass the High School Exit Exam. This exam, similar to ACT format, will cover the required skills in language arts, math, science, and social studies. The exam will be administered on one day during the Spring of the students' junior year.

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