

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 17-18, 2013

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

17. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation

On October 3, 2013, the Commission on School Accreditation approved the proposed assessment options for graduation and the establishment of State Board Policy 3804.

Current State Board Policy 3803, *Assessments Required for Graduation*, outlines the graduation requirements for end-of-course subject area tests in the areas of Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History. In an effort to provide flexibility to students, State Board Policy 3804 provides approved options for students to meet these high school end-of-course assessment requirements through alternate measures.

The intent of State Board Policy 3804 is to outline graduation options that are based upon rigorous, objective and widely-accepted measures of student readiness for entry into college or the work force.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**State Board Policy 3804 Approved by the
Commission on School Accreditation on October 3, 2013**

DESCRIPTOR TERM: Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course Subject Area Test Graduation Requirements

CODE: 3804

ADOPTION DATE: TBD

State Board Policy 3803, *Assessments Required for Graduation*, outlines the end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements. State Board Policy 3804 provides approved options for students to meet these high school end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements through approved alternate measures.

The intent of State Board Policy 3804 is to outline options that are based upon widely accepted measures that a student has met an objective, rigorous standard and is ready for entry into college or the work force. This policy applies to past, current, and future Mississippi students.

While it is possible that a student will meet one of the options below before taking the subject area test, this policy states that a student is eligible to use any of these options once he or she has failed to pass any required end-of-course subject area test once. Specifically, students may meet the graduation requirement outlined in State Board Policy 3803 by attaining any one of the measures outlined below for each of the subject area tests listed.

1. Algebra I

- a. Obtain a score of **16** or higher on the Math subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment/dual credit /college credit course with a MAT prefix.
- c. Score a 2 or higher on the IB (International Baccalaureate) Math I assessment.
- d. Score a 2 or higher on any AP (Advanced Placement) Math assessment.
- e. Score a 43 or higher on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) AFQT (Armed Forces Qualification Test).
- f. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and outlined in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
- g. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus** one of the following:

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- 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
- 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

2. Biology I

- a. Obtain a score of **16** or higher on the Science subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a BIO prefix.
- c. Score a 2 or higher on the IB-DP (International Baccalaureate) Biology I or MYP (what is/spell out MYP) Biology assessment.
- d. Score a 2 or higher on any AP (Advanced Placement) Science assessment.
- e. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
- f. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus** one of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

3. English II

- a. Obtain a score of **16** or higher on the English subject subscore of the ACT.
- b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with an ENG prefix.
- c. Score a 2 or higher on any IB (International Baccalaureate) English assessment.

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- d. Score a 2 or higher on any AP (Advanced Placement) English assessment.
 - e. Score a 50 or higher on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) AFQT (Armed Forces Qualification Test).
 - f. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
 - g. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus** one of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
4. U.S. History
- a. Obtain a score of **16** or higher on the reading subject subscore of the ACT.
 - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a HIS prefix.
 - c. Score a 2 or higher on the IB-DP (International Baccalaureate) History of the Americas I assessment.
 - d. Score a 2 or higher on the AP (Advanced Placement) U.S. History assessment.
 - e. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
 - 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
 - 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
 - f. Obtain the *Silver Level* on the ACT WorkKeys **plus** one of the following:

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- 1) Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.

- 2) Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.

Proposed Mississippi Graduation Assessment Options

Assessment Options	Math	Science	English	Social Studies
ACT	16 (Math)	16 (Science)	16 (English)	16 (Reading)
Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment	C or higher in MAT credit-bearing course	C or higher in BIO credit-bearing course	C or higher in ENG credit-bearing course	C or higher in HIS credit-bearing course
IB (International Baccalaureate)	2 or higher IB Math I	2 or higher IB-DP Biology I or MYP Biology	2 or higher Any IB English	2 or higher IB-DP History of the Americas
AP (Advanced Placement)	2 or higher Any AP Math	2 or higher Any AP Science	2 or higher Any AP English	2 or higher AP US History
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	43	N/A	43	N/A
ASVAB + MS-CPAS2 OR Industry Certification	ASVAB score of 36 plus one of the following: 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements OR 2. Earn approved Industry Certification specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint			
ACT WorkKeys + MS-CPAS2 OR Industry certification	WorkKeys Silver Level plus one of the following: 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements OR 2. Earn approved Industry Certification specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint			