

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 16-17, 2014

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

12. Report on the Statewide Kindergarten Readiness results for Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²)

The State Board of Education approved the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) on January 17, 2014. One of the components of the system is a statewide Kindergarten Readiness Assessment as required in MS Code 37-21-11. The approved Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is designed to measure the readiness skills of students entering kindergarten and prekindergarten students exiting state and federally funded programs. This assessment identifies each student's individual needs while enabling teachers to make informed instructional decisions. The assessment data collected will be used to expand professional development for teachers, improve the quality of classroom instruction and determine interventions and services that students need to be successful.

Recommendation: Discussion Only