

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda**  
**August 18, 2016**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

03. Information: Spring 2016 ACT Results for 11<sup>th</sup> grade [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: ACT's College Readiness Standards are sets of statements intended to help students, parents and educators understand the meaning of test scores. The standards relate test scores to the types of skills needed for success in high school and beyond.

College Readiness Benchmark Scores – A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50 % chance of obtaining a B or higher or approximately a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses, which include English Composition, Algebra, Social Science and Biology. These scores were empirically derived based on the actual performance of students in college. The College Readiness Benchmark Scores, updated in August of 2013, are:

<b>College Course/Course Area</b>	<b>ACT Test</b>	<b>Benchmark Score</b>
English Composition	English	18
Algebra	Mathematics	22
Social Sciences	Reading	22
Biology	Science	23

The ACT was administered to all juniors in the state of Mississippi on April 19, 2016. The results show an overall improvement in the statewide average composite score, the percentage of schools whose composite score average is 20 and above, and the number of students who meet all four (4) college readiness benchmarks as compared to the 2015 results. The report includes:

- Summary of statewide results in comparison to 2015
- Summary of students meeting College Readiness Benchmark Scores in comparison to 2015
- Improving achievement across the state

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

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Back-up material attached