

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
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**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

04. Information: Spring 2021 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) results; Mississippi Statewide Assessment System participation rates for districts and schools for School Year 2020 – 2021 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) measures students' knowledge, skills, and academic growth from elementary through high school. Student progress is measured from annual assessments in Grade 3 through 8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, Grades 5 and 8 Science, and high school End-of-Course (EOC) assessments in Algebra I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History.

The MAAP assessments are aligned to the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MS-CCRS) in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The Mississippi Board of Education approved the cut scores for the subject areas of the MAAP assessments. The MAAP assessments contain five (5) achievement levels: Minimal, Basic, Passing, Proficient, and Advanced.

The goal as outlined in the Mississippi *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* plan is for all students to reach 70% proficiency in all assessed subject areas by 2025.

The 2020 – 2021 school year was atypical. The impact of COVID-19 disrupted many facets of education, including instruction and assessment. The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) set high expectations for districts and schools to provide safe testing accommodations for all students. The MDE also provided pandemic-related flexibilities to administer the assessments and schedule in-person testing for virtual learners.

The statewide assessments provide districts and schools with crucial information to implement sound instructional plans for the upcoming school year, identify accelerated learning needs for students, and establish professional development priorities.

The U.S. Department of Education waived the requirement for schools to test 95% of eligible students during the 2020 – 2021 academic year; however, the MDE strongly encouraged all districts and schools to test all eligible students. The district and school participation rates are provided to assist in the interpretation of

the Spring 2021 student assessment data.

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Information only

Back-up material attached