

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 26, 2022

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

03. Action: Approval of the recommended cut scores on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) for the U.S. History assessment for school year 2021-2022 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The new Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards (MSCCRS) for Social Studies were implemented in school year 2018–2019. The MAAP U.S. History End-of-Course (EOC) assessment was revised to align with the new MSCCRS standards for the course, US History: 1877 to Present. To evaluate the new assessment, cut scores were established in order to: (a) reflect the MSCCRS standards for the course, (b) link students’ scores on the U.S. History test to expectations for students in each performance level, and (c) be well articulated across test.

On June 16-17, 2021, a standard setting was conducted for the MAAP U.S. History EOC assessment. For this process, 11 Mississippi educators served as panelists and were tasked with providing recommended cut scores for each of the five (5) performance level categories: minimal, basic, pass, proficient, and advanced, using a widely used standard setting approach called the Angoff Standard Setting Process. The panelists completed three (3) rounds of independent review and subsequent discussion to recommend the cut scores to correspond to the performance levels.

The MDE, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), and Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives reviewed the results carefully and made two (2) adjustments to align the U.S. History scores closer to the other MAAP End-of-Course subject area tests. On August 19, 2021, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the recommendation to use the adjusted cut scores for the 2020–2021 U.S. History scoring process. At that time, due to potential impacts of COVID-19 on instruction and assessment, the MDE, DRC, and the TAC also made the recommendation to the SBE to conduct a performance standard review and validation process following the 2021–2022 academic year administration of the U.S. History EOC assessment.

The standards validation is scheduled for May 16-17, 2022. As a result of the ongoing impact and disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2021-2022 school year, the MDE is recommending maintaining the cut scores established for the 2020-2021 school year for the 2021-2022 school year. If the standards validation process conducted in June 2022, results in additional recommendation(s), upon SBE approval, the MDE recommends implementation

of the new performance level cut scores in the 2022-2023 school year.
This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Standard Setting for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program
for U.S. History

Scale Cut Scores for U.S. History for 2020-2021
Approved by the State Board of Education August 19, 2021

Subject	Performance Level 1 (Minimal)	Performance Level 2 (Basic)	Performance Level 3 (Passing)	Performance Level 4 (Proficient)	Performance Level 5 (Advanced)
U.S. History	1000-1036	1037-1049	1050-1064	1065-1088	1089-1150

Note: The MDE recommends maintaining the scale cut scores established for the 2020-2021 school year for the 2021-2022 school year.