

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

01. Information: Spring 2019 ACT results [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:

College Course/Course Area	ACT Test	Benchmark Score
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 during school year 2018-2019 on February 20, 2019. The report includes:

- Summary of statewide results in comparison to 2018
- Summary of students meeting College Readiness Benchmark Scores in comparison to 2018

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

Information Only

Back-up material attached