

Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

Rule 36.4 Assessments Required for Graduation

1. All students enrolled in one of the four (4) end-of-course Subject Area Test courses **must** pass the course and participate in the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test in order to earn the Carnegie Unit.

Beginning with school year 2020-2021, students will be no longer be required to take the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. All students enrolled in one (1) of the three (3) end-of-course Subject Area Test courses **must** pass the course and participate in the applicable end-of-course assessment in order to earn the Carnegie Unit. The three (3) end-of-course Subject Area Test course are:

- Algebra I
- Biology I
- English II

2. Beginning with school year 2014-2015, students shall graduate by passing the course and meeting **one** (1) of the following options:

- Passing the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test, or
- Using options outlined in Chapter 36, Rule 36.5, or
- Using the end-of-course Subject Area Test score with the overall course grade based on the Concordance Table for each of the four (4) end-of-course Subject Area Test as provided to school districts by the Mississippi Department of Education. (Students must be enrolled in order to utilize this option.)

3. Beginning with school year 2015-2016, in addition to number two (2) above, all students enrolled may achieve a combined minimum score from the end-of-course Subject Area Test to meet the requirement for graduation in lieu of passing the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test.

4. Any Mississippi public school student who fails to pass a required end-of-course Subject Area Test, prior to school year 2016-2017, will be offered opportunities to retake the test.

Archived Information Regarding Chapter 36, Rule 36.4 for Students Graduating Prior to School Year 2014-2015:

Academic end-of-course Subject Area Tests were phased in during the 2001-2002 school year to replace the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE) as a requirement for graduation.

1. Students who began 9th grade PRIOR to 1999-2000 must pass the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE).
2. Students who began 9th grade in school year 1999-2000 must pass the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE) plus the Subject Area Test in U.S. History.
3. Students who began 9th grade in school year 2000-2001 must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History and English II.

4. Students who began 9th grade in 2001-2002 must pass the mathematics section of the FLE plus the Subject Area Tests in U.S. History, English II, and Biology.
5. Students who began 9th grade in 2002-2003 must pass the end-of-course Subject Area Tests in U. S. History, English II, Biology, and Algebra I. Students who began 9th grade in 2003-2004 and each year thereafter must pass all required end-of-course Subject Area Tests in U.S. History, English II, Biology, and Algebra I.

Source: *Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-17-6 and 37-16-7 (Revised 4/2015, 4/2016, 6/2018, TBD)*