

## Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

*Rule 36.5 Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course Subject Area Test Graduation Requirements.* State Board Policy 3803, Assessments Required for Graduation, outlines the end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements. State Board Policy 3804 provides approved options for students to meet these high school end-of-course subject area test graduation requirements through approved alternate measures. State Board Policy 3804 applies to past, current, and future Mississippi students.

While it is possible that a student will meet one of the options below before taking the subject area test, this policy states that a student is eligible to use any of these options once he or she has failed to pass any required end-of-course subject area test one time. Specifically, students may meet the graduation requirement outlined in State Board Policy 3803 by attaining any one of the measures outlined below for each of the subject area tests listed.

1. Algebra I
  - a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the Math subject sub score of the ACT.
  - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment/dual credit /college credit course with a MAT prefix.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and outlined in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
  - d. Obtain the Silver Level on the ACT Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in Appendix A-5 in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
2. Biology I
  - a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the Science subject sub score of the ACT.
  - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a BIO prefix.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:

- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
      - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in Appendix A-5 in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
    - d. Obtain the Silver Level on the ACT Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
      - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
      - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
3. English II
  - a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the English subject sub score of the ACT.
  - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level, credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with an ENG prefix.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
  - d. Obtain the Silver Level on the ACT Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
    - i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
    - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in Appendix A-5 in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
4. U.S. History
  - a. Obtain a score of **17** or higher on the reading subject sub score of the ACT.
  - b. Earn a C or higher in an entry level credit-bearing dual enrollment / dual credit / college credit course with a HIS prefix.
  - c. Obtain an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 **plus one** of the following:

- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.
- d. Obtain the Silver Level on the ACT Work Keys **plus one** of the following:
- i. Earn a CPAS (Career Planning and Assessment System) score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements.
  - ii. Earn an approved Industry Certification as specified in the Career Pathway's Assessment Blueprint and in **Appendix A-5** in the current edition of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.

Source: *MS Code 37-17-6 and 37-16-7* (Revised 4/2015)