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**Terms or Substance of the Actions or Description of the Subject and Issues:** Policy IIB-1 is being revised to reflect that the complete phasing out of the Functional Literacy Exam (FLE). The changes clarify when the last opportunity that students will have to take the FLE to meet graduation requirements and how the requirements can be met after the FLE is phased out.

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**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 14-15, 2005**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

02. Approval to revise State Board of Education Policy IIB-1 and approval to delete State Board of Education Policy IIA-4  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Policy IIB-1 is being revised to reflect the complete phasing out of the Functional Literacy Exam (FLE). The changes clarify when the last opportunity students have to take the FLE to meet graduation requirements and how the requirements can be met after the FLE is phased out.

Policy IIA-4 is no longer needed and it is being recommended for deletion.

Back-up material attached

Recommendation: Approval

DESCRIPTOR TERM: <b>TEST ADMINISTRATION</b>	CODE: <b>IIB-1</b>
ADOPTION DATE: <b>JULY 15, 1988</b>	REVISION: <del><b>OCTOBER 24, 1997</b></del> <b>July 15, 2005</b>

**STATE BOARD POLICY**

Pupils who have reached the level of eligibility to take the FLE and who do not make passing scores are eligible to retake the test as long as they are enrolled in the public schools of Mississippi. Pupils who are no longer enrolled in the public schools of Mississippi will remain eligible to retake the test through a period of three consecutive annual administrations of the FLE.

Students that are required to pass all three sections of the FLE (reading, mathematics, and written communication) as a part of their graduation requirements can participate in FLE test administrations through the 2005-06 school year. After the 2005-06 school year, these students can meet the graduation requirement by passing the Algebra I and English II Subject Area Tests.

- A student that has not met the FLE mathematics passing score can meet the requirement by passing the Algebra I test.
- A student that has not met the FLE reading requirement can meet the requirement by passing the English II Multiple-Choice test.
- A student that has not met the FLE written communication requirement can meet the requirement by passing the English II Informative Writing assessment.

Students that are required to pass only the mathematics section of the FLE as a part of their graduation requirements can participate in FLE test administrations through the 2007-08 school year. After the 2007-08 school year, these students can meet the graduation requirement by passing the Algebra I Subject Area Test.

## Phasing Out the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE)

First Enter 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Usual 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Usual 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Must Pass to Graduate	Last Year FLE Administered
1998-99	2000-01	2001-02	All 3 sections of FLE	2005-06 (All 3 sections of FLE)
1999-00	2001-02	2002-03	All 3 sections of FLE and US History from 1877	2005-06 (All 3 sections of FLE)
2000-01	2002-03	2003-04	Mathematics section of FLE, English II, and US History from 1877	2007-08 (Mathematics section of FLE)
2001-02	2003-04	2004-05	Mathematics section of FLE, Biology I, English II, and US History from 1877	2007-08 (Mathematics section of FLE)
2002-03	2004-05	2005-06	Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and US History from 1877	