

*Rule 78.8 Setting Student-Level Standards for State Assessments.* Assessments of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System shall have five (5) achievement levels, competencies, descriptors, and applicable achievement cut scores—collectively referred to as academic achievement standards, including alternative academic achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Academic achievement standards shall be established using a technically sound method recognized by national experts extensively grounded in the research literature.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* 37-1-3, 37-16-3 (Revised 02/2016)