Mississippi Statewide Accountability System: Business Rules

1. Assignment of Grade Classifications

1.1 Standards for student, school, and school district performance will be increased when student proficiency is at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent (65%) of schools and/or districts are earning a grade of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance after targets are met. (§ 37-17-6, MS CODE OF 1972)

1.2 Grades for schools (and districts) with no 12th grade (elementary/middle schools) will be determined based on the following cut-points effective with the 2015 - 2016 school year:

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\begin{align*}
A \geq & \quad 518 \\
455 \leq & \quad B < \quad 518 \\
400 \leq & \quad C < \quad 455 \\
325 \leq & \quad D < \quad 400 \\
F \leq & \quad 325 \\
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{63rd Percentile}^* \leq & \quad B < \quad \text{90th Percentile}^* \\
\text{38th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad C < \quad \text{63rd Percentile}^* \\
\text{14th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad D < \quad \text{38th Percentile}^* \\
F \leq & \quad \text{14th Percentile}^* \\
\end{align*}
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*Numerical values will replace percentiles following the appeals' decisions and the final calculations of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System.

1.3 Grades for schools (and districts) with a 12th grade will be determined based on the following cut-points effective with the 2015 - 2016 school year for the 2013-2014 school year:

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\begin{align*}
A \geq & \quad 695 \\
623 \leq & \quad B < \quad 695 \\
540 \leq & \quad C < \quad 623 \\
422 \leq & \quad D < \quad 540 \\
F \leq & \quad 422 \\
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{63rd Percentile}^* \leq & \quad B < \quad \text{90th Percentile}^* \\
\text{38th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad C < \quad \text{63rd Percentile}^* \\
\text{14th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad D < \quad \text{38th Percentile}^* \\
F \leq & \quad \text{14th Percentile}^* \\
\end{align*}
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1.4 Grades for districts will be determined based on the following cut-points effective with the 2015 - 2016 school year:

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\begin{align*}
A \geq & \quad 90^{th} \ \text{Percentile}^* \\
\text{63rd Percentile}^* \leq & \quad B < \quad \text{90th Percentile}^* \\
\text{38th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad C < \quad \text{63rd Percentile}^* \\
\text{14th Percentile}^* \leq & \quad D < \quad \text{38th Percentile}^* \\
F \leq & \quad \text{14th Percentile}^* \\
\end{align*}
\]

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Cut-points for schools with a 12th grade will be reset with the implementation of the College & Career Readiness component and the Acceleration component.