



## Student Performance in Mississippi: Proficiency Rates for Poor and Non-poor Students in C Districts Compared to Poor and Non-poor Students in A and B Districts

Research shows consistently that children growing up in poverty tend to achieve at lower levels than their non-poor peers. The same research shows that, with additional resources, students in economically disadvantaged households can reach the same levels of academic success as more affluent students.

In every state, including Mississippi, economically disadvantaged students, on average, score lower on standardized tests than do children who are not economically disadvantaged. Additionally, research shows that economically disadvantaged children benefit academically from being in classrooms with students who are not in low-income families – which puts students (and teachers) in school districts with extremely high rates of poverty at a further disadvantage.

Most of Mississippi's C-rated school districts have significantly higher poverty rates than do our state's districts rated A and B. This begs the question: **How would our C districts measure up if all districts had similar levels of poverty?** A comparison of each district's proficiency rate among only economically disadvantaged students will give us some insight into this issue (though it does not control for the lack of benefit from higher-income classmates). This study is based on 2012-2013 state test results, the most recent year for which data are available by subgroup, and 2013 school district accountability ratings. (Source: Mississippi Department of Education)

### Poverty in Mississippi Schools

An economically disadvantaged student is defined as one who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program. The following statistics are from 2010-2011, the most recent school year for which poverty data are available. (Source: Kids Count Data Center)

*70% of all public school students in Mississippi are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; 63% are eligible for free lunch (family of four making less than \$29,000).*

All of the 19 school districts rated A are below the state average in percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

Of Mississippi's 42 school districts rated B:

- 17 districts (41% of all B districts) meet or exceed the state average of 70% or more of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch.

- 12 districts (29% of all B districts) meet or exceed the state average of 63% or more of students qualifying for free lunch.

Of Mississippi's 37 districts rated C:

- 34 districts (92% of all C districts) meet or exceed the state average of 70% or more of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.
- 33 districts (89% of all C districts) meet or exceed the state average of 63% or more of students qualifying for free lunch.

**Part 1** of this study compares the proficiency rates on state tests in language and math of economically disadvantaged students in districts rated C to those of economically disadvantaged students in districts rated A and B. See **Part 2** for a comparison of the proficiency rates on state tests in language and math of non-poor students in districts rated C to those of non-poor students in districts rated A and B.

## Part 1

### Proficiency Rates for Economically Disadvantaged Students in C Districts Compared to Economically Disadvantaged Students in A and B Districts

In every grade and subject, the majority of Mississippi's C-rated districts (61% or more) achieved proficiency rates for economically disadvantaged students that were equal to or better than the proficiency rates of economically disadvantaged students in some Mississippi districts rated A and/or B.

The following is a breakdown by grade and subject of the percent of C-rated districts whose economically disadvantaged students outperformed at least some districts rated A or B:

#### Third-Grade Language:

32% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least two A districts:

Baldwyn, East Tallahatchie, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Kemper County, Lawrence County, Louisville, Marion County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, South Panola

100% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwyn, Benoit, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Coffeerville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

#### Third-Grade Math:

30% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwyn, Coffeerville, Forest City, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, South Panola

84% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Baldwyn, Clay County, Cleveland, Coffeerville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

#### Fourth-Grade Language:

27% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least two A districts:

Baldwyn, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hollandale, Houston, Kemper County, Marion County, Philadelphia, Quitman County

97% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

**Fourth-Grade Math:**

76% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Clay County, Cleveland, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Quitman, Quitman County, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

95% of C districts performed better than at least three B districts:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

**Fifth-Grade Language:**

86% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

86% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

**Fifth-Grade Math**

68% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Benoit, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Laurel, Lawrence County,

Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Picayune, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Yazoo County

86% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

### **Sixth-Grade Language**

84% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

78% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

### **Sixth-Grade Math**

73% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least two A districts:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, South Panola, Wayne County, Yazoo County

97% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Clay County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

### **Seventh-Grade Language**

44% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, Greene County, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Leland, Marion County, Mound Bayou, Picayune, South Panola

97% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie County, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

### **Seventh-Grade Math**

58% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwyn, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Laurel, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola

61% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Baldwyn, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Jefferson Davis County, Laurel, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola

### **Eighth-Grade Language**

67% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Coffeeville, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Kemper County, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Wayne County, Yazoo County

83% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Coffeeville, Covington County, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Mound Bayou, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

### **Eighth-Grade Math**

78% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Wayne County, Yazoo County

83% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least two B districts:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benoit, Benton County, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Hollandale, Holly Springs, Houston, Jefferson

Davis County, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Quitman, Quitman County, South Panola, Wayne County, Yazoo County

***In 100% of C districts, economically disadvantaged students outperformed their peers in at least one A district in at least one grade and subject out of a possible 12.***

***In 100% of C districts, economically disadvantaged students outperformed their peers in at least one B district in at least six grades and subjects out of a possible 12.***

## Part 2

### Proficiency Rates for Non-poor Students in C Districts Compared to Non-poor Students in A and B Districts

Achievement among non-poor students in Mississippi's C districts compared to non-poor students in A and B districts. Data is not reported when the percent of students in a given category is low enough to potentially identify individual students. Therefore, some districts did not have data reported in this category in some or all grades.

**In every grade and subject for which data is available, the majority of Mississippi's C-rated districts (65% or more) had a proficiency rate for students who are non-poor that was equal to or better than some Mississippi districts rated A and/or B.**

The following is a breakdown by grade and subject of the percent of Mississippi's C-rated districts whose non-poor students outperformed similar students in at least some districts rated A or B:

#### **Third-Grade Language:**

61% of C districts performed better than at least one A district:

Baldwyn, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Oktibbeha County, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

87% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Baldwyn, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

#### **Third-Grade Math:**

52% of C districts performed better than at least one A district:

Baldwyn, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Houston, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Philadelphia, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

94% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwyn, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*



**Fourth-Grade Language:**

32% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwyn, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Kemper County, Louisville, Starkville

74% of C districts performed better than at least one B district:

Baldwyn, Benton County, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Kemper County, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Fourth-Grade Math:**

26% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Houston, Kemper County, Leland, Louisville, Philadelphia, Picayune, Starkville

65% of C districts performed better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Benton County, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hinds County, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Fifth-Grade Language:**

45% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwyn, Benton County, Cleveland, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Marion County, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Starkville, Wayne County

74% of C districts performed better than at least two B districts:

Attala County, Baldwyn, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeetown, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Fifth-Grade Math:**

65% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeetown, East Tallahatchie, Greene County, Hinds County, Houston, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

74% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hinds County, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Sixth-Grade Language:**

71% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Jeff. Davis, Laurel, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

90% of C districts performed better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Jefferson Davis County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Sixth-Grade Math:**

68% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least two A districts:

Baldwyn, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Jefferson Davis County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County

90% of C districts performed better than at least one B district:

Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeeville, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hinds County, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Seventh-Grade Language:**

71% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Coffeeville, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Laurel, Leland, Louisville, Marshall County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County

84% of C districts performed better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Coffeetown, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Seventh-Grade Math:**

45% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwin, Coffeetown, Forest City, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Laurel, Lee County, Louisville, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Quitman, South Panola

90% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeetown, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Eighth-Grade Language:**

48% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one A district:

Baldwin, Coffeetown, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, Starkville

84% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Baldwin, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeetown, Covington County, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

**Eighth-Grade Math:**

45% of C districts performed better than at least one A district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Cleveland, Coffeetown, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Philadelphia, Quitman

90% of C districts performed as well as or better than at least one B district:

Attala County, Baldwin, Benton County, Cleveland, Coffeetown, Covington County, East Tallahatchie, Forest City, Greene County, Hattiesburg, Hinds County, Holly Springs, Houston, Kemper County, Laurel, Lawrence County, Lee County, Leland, Louisville, Marion County, Marshall County, Oktibbeha County,

Perry County, Philadelphia, Picayune, Quitman, South Panola, Starkville, Walthall County, Wayne County, Yazoo County

*Data was not reported for non-poor students in this grade for the following school districts: Benoit, Clay County, Hollandale, Jefferson Davis County, Mound Bayou, Quitman County*

***In 100% of C districts, non-poor students outperformed their peers in at least one A district in at least one grade and subject out of a possible 12.***

***In 100% of C districts, non-poor students outperformed their peers in at least one B district in at least five grades and subjects out of a possible 12\*.***

\*Data was reported for non-poor students in Jefferson Davis County in both subjects in only one grade. In both cases, the proficiency rate for non-poor students in Jefferson Davis County was 96%, exceeding that of every A and B district in Language and equaling or exceeding that of every A and B district in Math.