

Policy JBAB: Home Schooling/Transfer Student Testing

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Students Transferring from Non-Accredited Schools and Home Study

The Board of Education of the Jackson County School District recognizes the right of parents to choose alternative school programs other than public schools for their children. The Board further recognizes its responsibility for providing the guidelines to ensure that all students completing grade levels, receiving Carnegie Units*, and graduating from the schools of the Jackson County School District meet the minimum state and district standards required for a grade and/or course.

Therefore, the Board establishes the following guidelines for administrators to follow when enrolling students transferring from home study programs and non-accredited public or private schools into the schools of the Jackson County School District.

Students transferring in from a home study program shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students in grades K-8 will be administered the appropriate reading test to determine the student's reading level and the appropriate math test (instructional management test and/or standardized test).
2. Students in grades 9-12 must score a passing grade on an end-of-course test for each course before a Carnegie unit is awarded for the course.

Students transferring from a non-accredited public or private school shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- a. A transcript signed by an official of the previous school.
- b. Length of school term (1) Number of days in the school year (2) Number of hours per day the student was engaged in academic studies.
 1. Each student shall provide the following information:
 2. Students in grades K-8 will be administered the appropriate reading test to determine the student's reading level and the appropriate math test (instructional management test and/or standardized test).
 3. Students in grades 9-12 must score a passing grade on an end-of-course test for each course before a Carnegie unit is awarded for the course.

Each principal shall ensure that each pupil applying for a transfer shall be tested within thirty days after the filing of such application for transfer. Notice of the administration of such test(s) shall be given to the applicant not less than five days prior to the date of the administration of such test.

No transfer of a pupil shall be effected until the test has been given, and the pupil is assigned according to the grade and class for which the test shows he is best suited. No pupil shall be assigned to a grade and class more than ~~three~~ **two (32)** grades above or below the grade or class that the pupil would have been assigned to had the pupil remained in the school from which the transfer is being made. ~~Pending the administration of the test herein provided for and its grading and an assignment based thereon, the superintendent of the school district or the attendance center principal to which the pupil seeks admission may assign the pupil temporarily to a grade and class comparable to that in which the pupil would have been had the pupil continued in the school from which the transfer was being made.~~ Pending the administration and grading of the test provided herein, and the resulting placement, the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the attendance center to which the pupil seeks admission may temporarily assign the pupil to a grade and class comparable to the one the pupil would have attended had the pupil remained at the school from which the transfer is being made.

Reference: Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards
