

MISSISSIPPI

CURRICULUM TEST, SECOND EDITION

MCT2

Introduction

The Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition, (MCT2) is a measure of student achievement in Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8 based on the *2006 Mississippi Language Arts Framework – Revised* and *2007 Mississippi Mathematics Framework – Revised*. In addition to being the basis for state accountability in these grades, the MCT2 is designed to meet the federal testing requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), 2001*.

The MCT2 will contain test questions of varying degrees of difficulty that are aligned to the content, skills, and processes represented by Mississippi's academic content standards as specified in the state curriculum frameworks and the academic performance level descriptors.

The MCT2 field test administration was conducted May 7 – 22, 2007. Students in grades 3-8 participated in the field test; however, students only took the reading/language arts or the mathematics test, not both. The results of the field test were used to assess only the validity of the items, not to measure student performance.

The MCT2 will be administered annually with the first test administration May 13 – 14, 2008. Language Arts will be administered on day one and Mathematics on day two. The results of the first administration will be reported for federal and state accountability purposes in August 2008.

For information regarding the MCT2:

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/osa/mct2/>

For information regarding the item specifications

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/osa/itemspecs/>

For information regarding the performance level descriptors

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/osa/pld/>