

Mississippi Report Card for 2001-2002

Using the Report Card CD and Web Site

Welcome to the Mississippi Report Card for 2001-2002. Since 1993, a report card has been published annually containing a variety of information about the districts and schools in the state. The report card for school year 2000-2001 marked a departure from the original publication format due to the amount of information required under federal law. That report card comprised a set of electronic files available on the web and on a single CD. An abridged printed document containing only selected district level information was produced in limited quantities.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) was signed into law in January 2002. That legislation requires each state's report cards to include additional information and to be published much earlier than in the past. For these reasons, the format of the Mississippi Report Card for 2001-2002 has been revised to include all the information (to the extent it was available for inclusion in this year's report) specifically required under NCLB and all the district level information that was included in the earlier report cards.

Under NCLB, each school district (called an LEA, or local educational agency, in the law) is required to publicly disseminate report cards. There are requirements for what the report cards must contain (including information at the school, district, and state levels). While the law states that the report cards are to be concise and understandable, the amount of data that must be provided in the report cards is massive. This precludes the use of a simple format such as a tri-fold brochure. [Click here](#) to display the NCLB text related to report cards.

The Mississippi Report Card for 2001-2002 is in Portable Document Format (PDF). When you click on the link for this file, your browser will automatically try to load the Adobe Acrobat PDF document reader. If the reader is not already loaded on your computer, you can install the reader from a copy on the Report Card CD (Windows only) or from the Adobe web site.

The files containing test results are in web page (HTML) format. Your browser can read these files directly. Since the test results pages contain many columns of data, you may need to scroll your screen to the right to see the entire page. In order to print the page without losing the rightmost columns, you should set your browser to print the page in landscape (horizontal) format.

Reverse navigation buttons (links) are not used in the Report Card. To go back to a previous page, simply click on your browser's BACK button.

In addition to the files that you can view and print by clicking on links, there are data files for each of the separate statewide testing programs. These files are not

intended to be read or printed directly. Instead, they are formatted to be read by or imported into certain computer applications. Once the data in these files are made available to a spreadsheet, graphics, database, or statistical analysis application, they can be used for further analysis.

If you are using the Report Card CD, your application can read the data files or import them directly from the CD. The files are located in the \DATA subdirectory (folder).

If you are accessing the Report Card on the Mississippi Department of Education web site, you can obtain the test data files by downloading them from the web server and saving them to a location on your computer. Then your application can read the data files or import them from that location.

The Mississippi Report Card for 2001-2002 is located on the web at the following address:

www.mde.k12.ms.us/account/RC2B/RC2B.htm

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