

## Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>)

### Key Points:

- The Mississippi K–3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>) is intended to be a system for universal screening, diagnostic, and summative assessment to help every child become proficient in reading and by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. STAR Enterprise, which includes STAR Early Literacy, and STAR Reading comprises an online system for screening, diagnostic, and a summative assessment that can help Mississippi achieve these goals.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Technology Readiness Trial will be April 24 – May 23, 2014 and the purpose of the trial is:
  - To train test administrators on the administration process
  - Ensure technological readiness in preparation for the Spring 2015 assessment
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment will be ready for deployment to all Mississippi 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for the spring testing window in April 2015.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment is a summative version of the STAR Reading assessment specifically modified to MDE criteria and includes a separate and secure item bank, a longer test form than STAR interim assessment, a modified test blueprint, and a test administration protocol which requires a more secure and constrained test administration.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment will allow multiple retest options for students that did not pass the test on the first attempt and includes reports for the parent, teacher, school, and district.
  - Two Independent Alignment Studies are included; one study for content validity for CCSS alignment and depth of knowledge alignment and another study for test validity alignment.
  - A Standard Setting process with MDE and the Reading Panel will be facilitated by the nationally recognized Beck Evaluation & Testing Associates, Inc. (BETA), in the spring 2015.

### Resources:

- MKAS<sup>2</sup> Website: [www.mde.k12.ms.us/mkas2](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/mkas2)
- Renaissance Learning website: [www.renaissance.com](http://www.renaissance.com)
- MKAS<sup>2</sup> 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment - Assessed CCSS.pdf

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