

# Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program

## English II Writing Assessment

July 12, 2003

### Number and Percentage of Students Passing both Writing Prompts on the First Attempt

Test		Fall 2001 + Spring 2002 <sup>2</sup>	Fall 2002 + Spring 2003	Change
English II Writing Assess.		24,818 83.9%	26,760 91.7%	+7.8

### Mean Writing Score

Test	Fall 2000 + Spring 2001	Fall 2001 + Spring 2002	Fall 2002 + Spring 2003	
English II Writing Assess.	1.9/2.1 N=32,158	2.3/2.2 N=29,572	2.2/2.2 N=29,196	See Note 2

<sup>2</sup>The Fall 2001 + Spring 2002 results include a small number of students who were taking the test as a retest.

Note 1: None of the 2000-2001 tests counted for graduation. The Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 Algebra 1 tests did not count for graduation for students taking the test in grades 9 or 10.

Note 2: Changes in the mean English II Writing Score are not reported because the writing prompts change for each administration and the writing prompts cannot be statistically equated. Small fluctuations are expected from year to year.