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“Mississippi’s accountability system continues to be recognized in the top quarter of accountability systems throughout the country. Recently, Secretary of Education Rod Paige approved Mississippi’s accountability program as sixth in the nation under No Child Left Behind. The current accountability plan will be fully implemented by this fall.

“We continue to be encouraged by Mississippi’s progress in putting schools first. With the exception of one category, we improved or stayed the same in all categories. We have a plan in place that will improve our score in that category.

Princeton Review’s Testing the Testers 2003

Actual performance:

	2002	2003
Academic Alignment	B+	B+
Test Quality	A-	A
Sunshine	C-	B+
Policy	B	B-