

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS RATINGS

2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT THIS MAP SHOWS:

This map shows the new MS Dept. of Education Accountability Status ratings for each school district that were released November 23, 2009.

The new Accountability Status ratings are based on 3 primary factors:

1. Quality Distribution Index (QDI) cut scores;
2. Whether Growth goals have been met; and
3. Graduation and School Completion rates.

The new standards and benchmarks are being phased in over a 4-year period. This means that the benchmarks and standards will be raised each of the next 3 years until Mississippi ratings are aligned with the ratings of schools across the nation.

The ratings are divided into 6 categories. Below are the number of districts in each category and the percentage of total districts:

- STAR (2 dists = 1.34%)
- HIGH PERFORMING (21 dists = 14.09%)
- SUCCESSFUL (37 dists = 24.83%)
- ACADEMIC WATCH (37 dists = 24.83%)
- AT RISK OF FAILING (44 dists = 29.53%)
- FAILING (8 dists = 5.37%).

Total school dists in dataset, excluding the Agricultural High Schools: 149

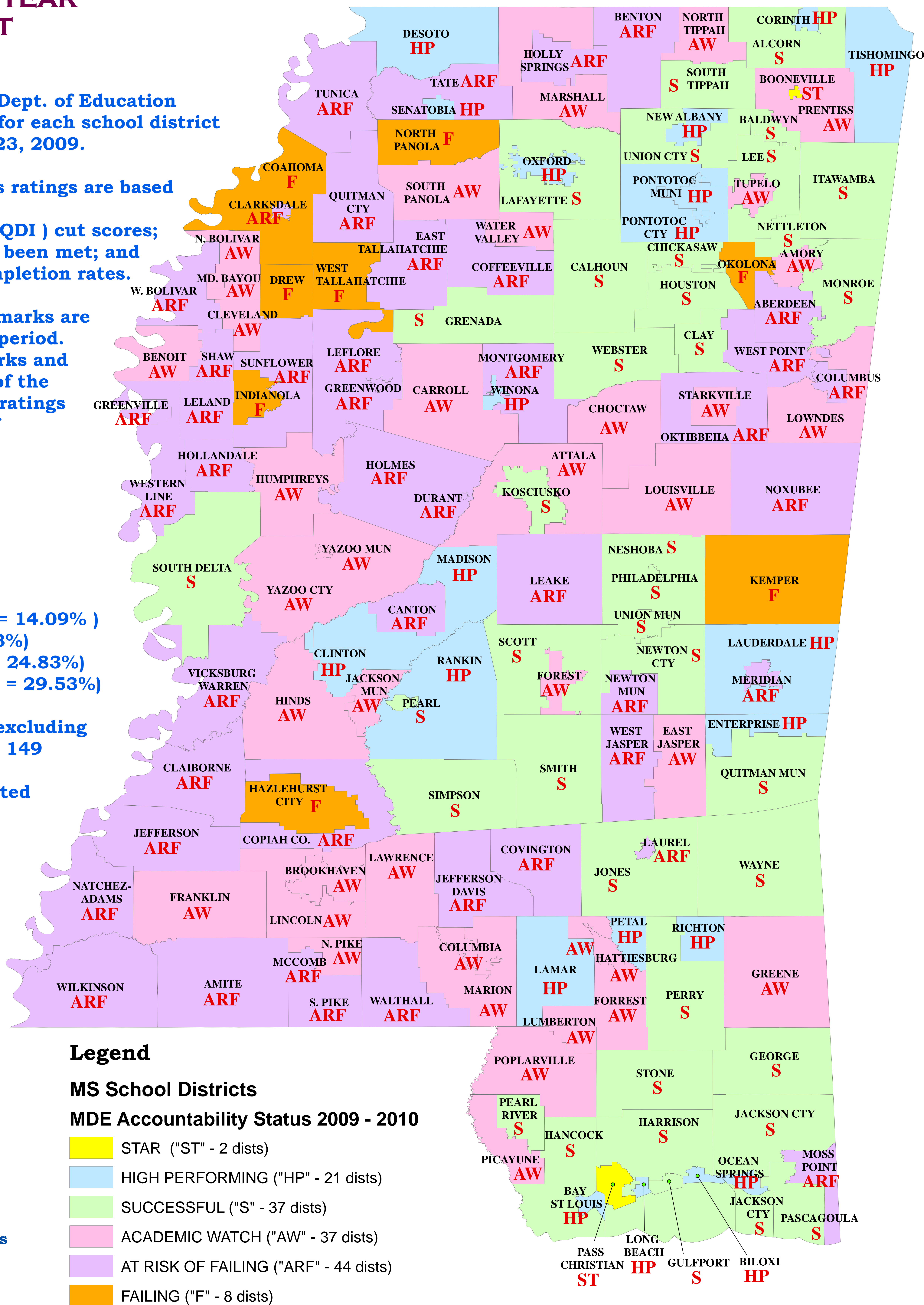
89 districts -- 59.73% -- are rated LESS THAN Successful.

The red abbreviations in each school district identify the accountability rating for that school district.

The abbreviations are:
ST = STAR (highest rating)
HP = HIGH PERFORMING
S = SUCCESSFUL
AW = ACADEMIC WATCH
ARF = AT RISK OF FAILING
F = FAILING (lowest rating)

Agricultural High Schools:
 The Agricultural High Schools are not included in the visual map because they do not have discrete physical jurisdictions that school districts have. The ratings for the Ag High Schools are not included in the cumulative numbers set forth in the Legend.

The AHS ratings are:
 Coahoma AHS: At Risk of Failing
 Forrest AHS: Successful
 Hinds AHS: Not Rated



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