DIFFERENCE IN QDI SCORES  
2009 - 2010 TO 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEARS  
WITH QDI RANKINGS  
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MISSISSIPPI DEPT. OF EDUCATION DATA  

WHAT THIS MAP SHOWS:  
This map shows the change from year one to year two for the MS Dept. 
of Education Accountability System QDI scores for each school district 

The Accountability Status rankings 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 year until Mississippi ratings are aligned with the ratings 
of schools across the nation.  

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

The Red number in each school district represents the change in QDI score 
from year one (2009 - 2010) to year two (2010 - 2011).  

Districts in pink had a decrease in QDI score from between minus 
5 to minus 10 points.  
Districts in yellow had a decrease in QDI score from between minus 
1 to minus 4 points.  
Districts in blue had an increase in QDI score between 0 and 15 
points.  
Districts in green had an increase in QDI score between 16 and 29 
points.  

The red abbreviations in each school district identify the 
accountability ranking for that school district.  
The abbreviations are:  
ST = STAR (highest ranking)  
HP = HIGH PERFORMING  
S = SUCCESSFUL  
AW = ACADEMIC WATCH  
ARF = AT RISK OF FAILING  
F = FAILING (lowest ranking)  

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 rankings for 
the Ag High Schools are not included in the cumulative numbers set forth in the Legend.  

The AHS QDI changes are:  
Coahoma AHS: 12 points  
Forrest AHS: -12 points  
Hinds AHS: not rated in year 1  

Legend  
QDI Score Change  
2009-2010 to 2010-2011  
-5 to -10  
-1 to -4  
0 to 15  
16 to 29  

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