

Descriptor Term: AT-RISK PROGRAMS

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The Gulfport School District shall budget and spend Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) At-Risk funds, earned as prescribed by Section 37-151-7(1)(d), on effective programs specifically targeted to serve at-risk students. These programs will be in addition to all other regular or required programs offered by the school district to all students. The accounting of the expenditure of these funds shall be as required by the Mississippi School District Financial Accounting Manual as prescribed by the Department of Education.

The definition of an at-risk student in the Gulfport School District shall be defined as follows:

A student who is not meeting the requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade level or graduation from high school.

A student whose education attainment is below other students of their age or grade level.

A student who is failing two or more courses of study.

A student who has been retained.

A student who is not reading on grade level.

A student who is pregnant.

A student who is a parent.

The primary at-risk program of the Gulfport School District will be to target the unique needs of the student in order to allow that student to perform on grade level and ultimately graduate from high school. This program may be offered before, during and after school, but will not be a regular course offering available to all students.