

Descriptor Term: <i>FORREST COUNTY A.H.S.</i> UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE	Descriptor Code: JGFAA	Adopted: 5/2010
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This policy addresses certification of compliance with Unsafe School Choice Option Requirements as required in the *Consolidated Plan for No Child Left Behind* (Title IX, section 9532). The following section of the *Consolidated Plan for No Child Left Behind* shall serve as guidance and be observed as policy and procedure for Forrest County Agricultural High School District (Local Educational Authority– LEA)

- I. The following definitions apply to this policy.
 - A. A “persistently dangerous school” is a public school other than a charter school in which the conditions during the past two school years continually exposed its students to injury from violent criminal offenses and it is:
 1. An elementary, middle or secondary public school in which a total of 20 or more violent criminal offenses were committed per one thousand (1000) students (2.0 or more per one hundred (100) students) in two consecutive school years; or
 2. An elementary, middle or secondary public alternative school in which a total of 75 or more violent criminal offenses were committed per one thousand (1000) (7.5 or more per one hundred (100) students) in two consecutive years; and
 - B. “violent criminal offenses” are the following crimes reported in the Mississippi Student Information System and defined in the Mississippi Code Annotated 1972; section 97-3:

Simple or Aggravated Assault, Homicide, Kidnapping, Rape, Robbery, Sexual Battery, Mayhem, Poisoning, Extortion, Stalking, and Seizure and Forfeiture of Firearms.

- II. Whenever the State Board of Education has information that a school meets the criteria described in paragraph I.A.1 or I.A.2, the State Board of Education shall provide the local board of education the opportunity to report on conditions in the school. After consideration of that report and consultation with a representative sample of local educational agencies, the State Board of Education shall determine whether the school is a persistently dangerous school.
- III. Students assigned to a school which the State Board of Education has determined to be persistently dangerous shall be allowed to attend another school in the LEA which is not designated as a persistently dangerous school, provided there is such a school in the LEA which offers instruction at the student’s grade level.
- IV. Any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense committed against him or her while he or she was in or on the grounds of the public school that he or she attends shall be allowed to choose to attend another school in the LEA which is not designated a persistently dangerous school , provided the student requests transfer within thirty (30) days of the violent criminal offense.
- V. Local School systems shall establish a process for assuring any student who has the right to transfer from a school under this policy is allowed to transfer to a school in the LEA, which is not persistently dangerous. The process must be included in the system’s Safe School Plan.
- VI. The LEA shall report each student transfer effected pursuant to this policy to the State Board of Education in the Mississippi Student Information System.