



**MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**  
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**PERFORMANCE AUDIT DIVISION**  
**DISTRICT EXIT CONFERENCE**

*February 10, 2016*

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**Durant School District**

Beginning on Tuesday, February 09, 2016, the Office of the State Auditor's Performance Audit Division (PAD) performed a limited review of the accuracy and reliability of student and personnel data transmitted to the Mississippi Department of Education for the purpose of determining funding for local school districts. OSA reviewed the following:

**Student Enrollment**

1. I determined whether there is a written policy on enrollment requirements and procedures at each school. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School does have a written policy on enrollment requirements and procedures.

2. I determined whether the number of students enrolled in school is being accurately reported. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is reporting the number of students enrolled accurately.

3. I determined whether the school is following policy regarding student enrollment records. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is not following policy regarding student enrollment. Of the records reviewed, 5 out of 16 had missing, incomplete, or invalid proof of residency.

4. I determined whether the selected student's information is in the student package and is the same as the information kept in the student's record. As a result, I found the following:

At Durant Public School, the selected student's information in the student package **is not the same** as the information kept in the student's record. Of the records reviewed, 6 out of 16 student's information **did not match** information in the student package.

**Student Attendance/Absenteeism**

1. I determined whether there is a written policy on monitoring and reporting student absences. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School does have a written policy on monitoring and reporting student absences.

2. I determined whether the school is following policy regarding attendance and absenteeism. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is following policy regarding attendance and absenteeism.

**Reporting of Suspensions**

1. I determined whether the school is following policy regarding the reporting of suspensions. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School did not have any suspensions.

**School Attendance Reporting**

1. I determined whether the school is following policy regarding the reporting of unexcused absences. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is not following policy regarding the reporting of unexcused absences. Of the 8 occurrences of students obtaining 5 or more unexcused absences, 1 of these occurrences were not reported to the school attendance officer after accumulating five (5) or more unexcused absences; and 5 of these occurrences were not reported in a timely manner, as specified by law, after accumulating five (5) or more unexcused absences.

2. I determined whether the school attendance officer is following policy regarding reporting of unexcused absences. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School attendance officer is not following policy regarding the reporting of unexcused absences. Of the 8 occurrences of students obtaining 5 or more unexcused absences that were reported to the attendance officer, 1 had no attempts made to secure enrollment and/or attendance after accumulating five (5) or more unexcused absences.

**Graduation – THIS IS ONLY PERFORMED AT SCHOOLS WITH A 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

1. I determined whether graduation requirements are being met. As a result, I found the following:

All students selected at Durant Public School met graduation requirements.

2. I determine whether all graduation records were complete. As a result, I found the following:

At Durant Public School, all graduation records were complete.

**Property Internal Controls**

1. I determined whether the district has internal controls related to property and whether the district is adhering to those controls. As a result, I found the following:

Durant School District has written internal controls related to property but is not adhering to those controls. The inventory system/listing had the incorrect location for 1 out of 6 items reviewed.



I would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to discuss the results of the review in your district. Copies of all audit exceptions are available upon your request. Please submit formal comments regarding the audit to my office, at **P.O. Box 956, Jackson, MS 39205; Attention: Paige Taylor, by 2/17/2016. If you do not respond within two weeks after this date, the response for the audit report will state that you chose not to respond.** If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or Keyla Bradford, Project Manager, at 601-576-2800.

**By signing below you agree that you have received a copy of this report and a brief explanation of the exceptions.**

Edwin M. Robinson  
Superintendent Signature

2/10/2016  
Date

# Durant Public School District

Challenging — Performing — Succeeding

Edwin Robinson, Superintendent

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**Response: This area does not require a response: Durant Public School District is in compliance.**

2. I determined whether the number of students enrolled in school is being accurately reported. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is reporting the number of student enrolled accurately.

**Response: This area does not require a response: Durant Public School District is in compliance.**

3. I determined whether the school is following policy regarding student enrollment records. As a result, I found the following:

Durant Public School is not following policy student enrollment. Of the records reviewed, 5 out of 16 had missing, incomplete, or invalid proof of residency.

**Response: We are correcting this area to ensure that Durant Public School District is following policy regarding student enrollment records.**

4. I determined whether the selected information is in the student package and is the same as the information kept in the student's record. As a result, I found the following:

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**Response: Durant Public School District is correcting this area to ensure that selected information is in the student package and is the same as the information kept in the students record.**

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**Response: Durant Public School District correcting this area to ensure that we are following policy regarding the reporting of unexcused absences.**

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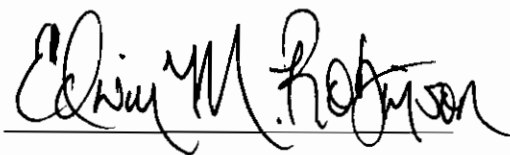
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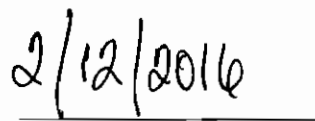
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**By signing below you agree that you have reviewed a copy of this report and a brief explanation of the exceptions.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin M. Robinson", written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent Signature

A handwritten date "2/12/2016" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date