

TESTING PROGRAMS

The Board of Education believes that standardized testing programs can provide a meaningful source of information about the curriculum and overall student achievement. The Board, therefore, authorizes a program of testing which includes those tests required by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education plus additional tests as approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

The purpose of the testing program shall be:

1. to acquire information on characteristics of the school and its students;
2. to improve the guidance of all students;
3. to identify gifted and talented students;
4. to assist in the individualization and improvement of instruction and learning;
5. to provide guides in the improvement of curriculum;
6. to evaluate, impartially, the educational program; and
7. to satisfy the requirements of the law.

The testing program shall be continuous, comprehensive and flexible. It shall be cooperatively planned by staff members in a subject area and approved by the Superintendent. Information gained through the use of testing programs will be used to design educational opportunities for students to better meet their individual and collective needs.

Test Administration

The overall responsibility for the administration of the testing program shall rest with the Superintendent. He/she shall require the Building Principals to supervise the administration of the tests in their buildings and establish procedures for uniformity of timing and other procedures.

Use and Dissemination of Test Results

The Superintendent shall make summary reports of the testing program to the Board. These summaries may be made available to the public. No individual student scores shall be revealed in such summary reports.

Parents or others in parental relation shall be able to learn the results of individual student's test results upon request. They will be interpreted by a qualified member of the school staff as necessary for proper understanding.

Records of the results of standardized tests shall be maintained in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.3(b)2; 100.4(d)1; 100.5(a)4; 100.5(b)5; 100.5(c)5

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