

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY 2622 PUPIL ASSESSMENT (M)

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The Commissioner of Education shall implement a system and related schedule of Statewide assessments to evaluate student achievement of Core Curriculum Content Standards in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1 et seq. The Board of Education is required to administer the applicable Statewide assessments according to the schedule prescribed by the Commissioner.

The New Jersey Department of Education, pursuant to State law and regulations, requires all students to take State assessments as scheduled. State assessments provide parents with important information about their child's progress, provide detailed diagnostic information about each individual student's performance that educators, parents, and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement, and will include item analysis which will clarify a student's level of knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or area of a subject. The data derived from State assessments will be utilized by teachers and administrators to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly. Such data can be accessed and utilized as a student progresses to successive school levels.

Statewide Assessments System

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop and present to the Board annually for its approval an assessment program that complies with rules of the State Board of Education.

Test Administration Procedures and Security Measures

All Statewide assessments shall be administered in accordance with the Department of Education required test administration procedures and security measures and any breach of such procedures or measures shall be immediately reported to the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

Documentation of Student Achievement

The Department of Education shall provide to the Superintendent documentation of student achievement after each test administration in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2. The Board shall maintain an accurate record of each student's performance on Statewide assessments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2. Information regarding individual student test scores shall only be released in accordance with Federal and State law.

Accountability

The Superintendent shall report preliminary and final results of annual assessments to the Board of Education as required by the New Jersey Department of Education. The Board will provide parents, students, and citizens with results of annual assessments according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2. The Board shall provide appropriate instruction to improve skills and knowledge for students performing below established levels of student proficiency in any content areas either on the Statewide or local assessments. All students are expected to demonstrate the knowledge and skills of the Core Curriculum Content Standards as measured by the Statewide assessment system.

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Public Reporting

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.5, the Department of Education shall report to the Board of Education on the performance of all students and student subgroups. In public reporting of school and district performance data, the Department of Education shall not compromise the confidentiality of individual students.

Parental Notification

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be informed of the district assessment program and of any special tests that are to be administered to their children.

Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities shall participate in all State assessment systems in accordance with provisions as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10. Accommodations and modifications approved by the New Jersey Department of Education for the administration of the Statewide assessment shall be provided when determined necessary by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team to students with disabilities who participate in general Statewide assessments.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1 et seq.; 6A:8-5.1; 6A:14-1.1 et seq.; 6A:14-3.7;

6A:14-4.10