

TEST OR ASSESSMENT SELECTION

A comprehensive testing program shall be established and maintained to evaluate the education program of the school district and to assist in providing guidance or counseling services to students and their families.

No student shall be required, as part of a program funded by the United States Department of Education, to submit, without prior written consent from the student's parent, to surveys, analysis or evaluation which reveals information concerning:

- political affiliations;
- mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family;
- sex behavior and attitudes;
- illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
- critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
- legally recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; or
- income, but not including income required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

As part of any program funded by the United States Department of Education, the district shall obtain written parental consent prior to the participation of any student under the age of 18 in any mental health survey, analysis, evaluation or assessment. The consent form shall describe in detail the purpose, provider, beginning time and duration of the survey, analysis, evaluation or assessment.

Standardized Criterion-Referenced Assessment Instrument

It shall be the policy of the district to use the following standardized criterion-referenced assessment instrument or instruments for purposes of determining acquisition of competencies in reading, writing, and mathematics. Such assessments shall begin in grade 5 and shall be re-given in such other grades at such other times as the Superintendent shall recommend and the Board shall designate.

In the event the Superintendent after consultation as herein referred to recommends to the Board a change as to the standardized criterion referenced assessment instrument, such recommendation shall be made at the August meeting next preceding the commencement of the school year or at such later time as the Board and Superintendent may deem appropriate.

The results of such standardized criterion-referenced assessment instruments shall be reported in the manner as described in the district's policy pertaining to School System Performance; Evaluation and Improvement Policy. 92 N.A.C. 10-.004.02E(3)

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