

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 to help accomplish the following objectives:

1. to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the current curriculum and methods of instruction;
2. to provide one means to evaluate student growth through individual, interdistrict, and intradistrict comparison;
3. to provide teachers with diagnostic information which will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students; and
4. to provide a basis for longitudinal study of student achievement.

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. The Board views this purpose to be a primary function of schools.

The Board recognizes that tests provide only a limited source of information, and will therefore be used only in conjunction with all other information known about a student or to assist the student in improving his/her work. Information gained through the testing program will be one of the measures used to select students for Academic Intervention Services as required by the Commissioner's Regulations. The testing program will also meet the requirements set forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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

Students must complete necessary assessment requirements as per New York State Education Department (see attached Exhibit).

*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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