

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 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 intra district comparison;
3. to provide teachers with diagnostic information which will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students;
4. to provide general information about a students' probable attitude for school - related tasks; and
5. 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. However, 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.

Records of the results of standardized tests shall be maintained in accordance with the Board's policy on student records. Annually, the Board shall receive from the Superintendent or designee a written report summarizing the standardized testing data for the district and each of its schools for the given school year, along with a brief summary highlighting areas of strength and concern.

The testing program results shall be made known to the community, and the results of each students tests shall be available to parents, upon request, and will be interpreted by a qualified member of the school staff as necessary.

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