

Evaluation Services

Assessment Plan

The Board directs the establishment of a district-wide educational testing program to be used as one indication of the success and quality of the total education program and its impact on student achievement and academic success.

In keeping with recommendations and requirements from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) concerning testing programs, the District will administer the *Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)* to all students in designated grades at specified levels throughout the K-12 program. Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, the Board adopts the *Tungsten Learning Benchmark Assessment* to be used as the locally administered standardized assessment to complement the *MAP* at grades 2-8 and assessments found in course curriculum at grades K-12. This will meet the DESE requirement for locally assessing student progress on those Show-Me Standards which are not assessed at the state level.

The administration will annually develop an assessment schedule for the current school year. The testing schedule will list the assessment instrument(s) to be administered and the students who will be administered each test or assessment instrument. This policy and the assessment schedule will be given to each student as well as their parent/guardian at the beginning of each school year. In addition, a copy of this policy and the assessment schedule will be available to the public in the District Office of Curriculum & Instruction during normal business hours.

Specifically, the purposes of the District assessment program are to facilitate and provide information for the following:

1. Student Achievement: to provide information about relative student achievement in order for parents/guardians, students, and teachers to have a baseline against which to monitor academic progress.
2. Student Counseling: to serve as a tool in the counseling and guidance of students for specific academic placement and planning for post-high school career education.
3. Instructional Change: to provide data which will assist in the evaluation of curriculum and when necessary, preparation of recommendations for instructional program changes.
4. School and District Assessment: to provide indicators of progress in the District toward established student achievement goals.

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The Board directs that an Assessment Plan Regulation be developed which describes assessment guidelines and procedures as required by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality will be maintained with regard to individual student test scores and other information derived from the District's assessment program.

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