

### Assessment Program\*\*

The district's assessment program shall be designed for the purpose of determining district and school program improvement and individual student needs including the requirements of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Each year the district shall determine each student's progress toward achieving federal, state and local achievement requirements.

Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and ~~Essential Skills~~ and to identify students who meet or exceed the performance standards and ~~Essential Skills~~ adopted by the State Board of Education.

Accordingly, the district shall maintain the following assessment program:

1. Criterion-reference assessments, including performance-based assessments, content-based assessments and other valid methods as may be required by state and federal requirements;
- ~~2. Assessment of Essential Skills;~~
3. Individual diagnostic and ability evaluations in all grades when students have been referred and parental permission obtained;
4. Assessments by individual teachers;
5. ~~Optional~~ **Other** schoolwide and grade levelwide assessments, ~~as recommended by the superintendent and as approved by the Board.~~

It is the intent of the Board that progress be measured in a manner that clearly enables the student and parents to know whether the student is making progress toward meeting or exceeding academic content standards and ~~Essential Skills~~. District, school and individual results shall be reported to the Board, parents and the community, as prescribed by law.

The district shall make additional services or alternative educational or public school options available to any student who has not met or has exceeded all of the state-required academic content standards. Additionally, students in schools receiving Title I moneys that have been identified by **the Oregon Department of Education (ODE)**, will be provided supplemental services and public school options as required by law.

The district shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for assessment, evaluating and counseling students on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, **gender identity**, age, disability or marital status. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Staff will receive in-service education in the use of designated assessments and interpretation of assessment results.

**A parent on behalf of their student or an adult student may annually opt-out of taking a statewide summative assessment by completing and submitting ODE’s opt-out form<sup>1</sup> to the school. The district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment. A student may be excused from the Oregon Statewide Assessment Program for disability or religious reasons. Parents and adult students will be provided the required notices<sup>2</sup> and access to forms by the district that include a time frame in which statewide assessments will take place, and an adult student’s or parent’s right to request an exemption from taking the statewide summative assessments.**

A student may opt out of the Smarter Balanced and/or alternate Oregon Extended Assessments in English language arts and mathematics as provided in state law. The district shall provide the required notice and necessary forms to the student. The district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment. Parents and adult students will be provided the required notices<sup>3</sup> that include a time frame in which statewide assessments will take place, and an adult student’s or parent’s right to request an exemption from taking the statewide summative assessments.

For all other statewide assessments (OAKS Online Science and Social Sciences, ELPA21, the Kindergarten Assessment, and the Extended Science Assessment), parents may request that their student be exempted from state testing based on either disability or religion. OAR 581-022-1910 allows school districts to excuse students from a state required program or learning activity, including state testing, to accommodate a student’s disabilities or religious beliefs. In order for a school district to excuse a student from testing under this rule, the student’s parent must submit a written request to the school district, listing the reasons for the request and proposing an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participation in state testing. Appropriate school personnel must evaluate and approve the parent request.

The district shall establish conduct and discipline consequences for student-initiated test impropriety. **The act of student-initiated test impropriety is prohibited. A student that participates in an act of student-initiated test impropriety will be subject to discipline.** “Student-initiated test impropriety” means student conduct that is inconsistent with the *Test Administration Manual* or accompanying guidance; or results in a score that is invalid.

The superintendent shall ensure a periodic review and evaluation of the district’s assessment program is conducted.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<sup>1</sup> **Oregon Department of Education page for: [30-day notice and opt-out form](#)**

<sup>2</sup> **Districts are required to provide notice twice each year: once at the beginning of the year and second time at least 30 days prior to the administration of the test.**

<sup>3</sup> Districts are required to provide notice twice each year: once at the beginning of the year; and second time at least 30 days prior to the administration of the test. The 30-day notice must first be provided during the 2015-2016 school year. The beginning of the year notice must first be provided during the 2016-2017 school year.

[ORS 40.245](#)  
[ORS 326.565](#)

[ORS 326.575](#)  
[ORS 329.479](#)

[ORS 329.485](#)  
[ORS 336.187](#)

[ORS 659-870](#)

**OAR 581-021-0009**

[OAR 581-021-0030](#)

[OAR 581-022-0606](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1210](#)

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**OAR 581-022-2115**

**OAR 581-022-2250**

**OAR 581-022-2270**

**OAR 581-022-2310**

HB-2655 (2015)

**House Bill 3041 (2021)**

**Senate Bill 602 (2021)**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (~~2011~~**2018**); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (~~2011~~**2021**).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (~~2006~~**2018**); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (~~2006~~**2021**).

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1427 (~~2006~~**2018**).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2006).

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver, July 23, 2015.

**Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2018).**