

## Instruction

### Student Testing and Assessment Program 1

The District student assessment program provides information for determining individual student achievement and instructional needs;<sup>1</sup> curriculum and instruction effectiveness;<sup>2</sup> and school performance measured against District student learning objectives and statewide norms.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the student assessment program that, at a minimum:

1. Administers the State assessment system, known as the *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers* Illinois Assessment of Readiness (PARCC/IAR), to all students and/or any other appropriate assessment methods and instruments, including norm and criterion-referenced achievement tests, aptitude tests, proficiency tests, and teacher-developed tests.
2. Informs students of the timelines and procedures applicable to their participation in every State assessment. <sup>2</sup>
3. Provides each student's parents/guardians with the results or scores of each State assessment and an evaluation of the student's progress. See policy 6:280, *Grading and Promotion*. <sup>3</sup>
4. Utilizes professional testing practices. <sup>4</sup>

Overall student assessment data on tests required by State law will be aggregated by the District and reported, along with other information, on the District's annual report card.<sup>5</sup> All reliable assessments

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<sup>1</sup> State and federal law control this policy's content. 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5 requires ISBE to "establish the academic standards that are to be applicable to students who are subject to State assessments." It contains the schedule for assessing students by calendar year and grade. [The Ill. State Board of Education \(ISBE\) selected the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) as the State assessment and accountability measure for grades 3-8 through the 2017-2018 school year. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, ISBE began transitioning from PARCC to the Ill. Assessment for Readiness \(IAR\), which continues to use "an anchor set of PARCC items." See letter from State Superintendent Tony Smith, 2-8-19, along with other For ISBE resource material, see at \[www.isbe.net/IAR\]\(http://www.isbe.net/IAR\) \[www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx\]\(http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx\).](#) In House Joint Resolution 54 (2015), members of the Ill. House and Senate encouraged school districts to not use results of the PARCC test for the 2014-2015 school year through the 2017-2018 school year "as a determining factor for making decisions about a student's educational opportunities, the evaluation of educators, and the allocation of resources based on educational achievement on this assessment."

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(c), amended by P.A. 100-7, requires that the assessment administered by ISBE for the purpose of student application to or admissions consideration by institutions of higher education be administered on a school day during regular student attendance hours.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(d) contains the requirements for assessing students receiving special education services and students determined to be English learners.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(e), amended by P.A. 100-222, no longer requires that the scores attained by a student on an assessment that includes a college and career readiness determination be entered on the student's transcript. The scores, however, must be placed in the student's permanent record. See 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10.

<sup>2</sup> Required by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(c).

<sup>3</sup> 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(e), amended by P.A. 100-222, requires districts to provide State assessment results/scores to students' parents/guardians. The second part of this provision is optional and may be deleted, i.e., "~~and an evaluation of the student's progress.~~"

<sup>4</sup> 105 ILCS 5/2-3.107; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.30(b).

administered by the District and scored by entities outside of the District must be (1) reported to ISBE on its form by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of each school year, and (2) made publicly available to parents/~~and~~ guardians of students.<sup>6</sup> Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, and its implementing procedures govern recordkeeping and access issues.<sup>7</sup>

LEGAL REF.: ~~Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Illinois School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/, Illinois School Student Records Act.~~  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.63a-5, 5/2-3.64a-5, 5/10-17a, 5/22-82, and 5/27-1.

CROSS REF.: 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:280 (Grading and Promotion), 7:340 (Student Records)

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<sup>5</sup> Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-17a, amended by P.A.s 99-642, ~~and P.A. 100-227, 100-807, and 100-1121~~. School districts must annually, ~~no more than 30 days after receipt from the State Superintendent by October 31, submit to parents/guardians, district taxpayers, the Governor, the General Assembly, and ISBE release a school- their district's and schools' report cards~~ assessing the performance of its schools and students. ~~Districts must: (1) present the report cards at a regular Board meeting, (2) post them on the District's website, (3) make them available to a newspaper of general circulation serving the District, and (4) upon request, send them home to parents/guardians.~~ 105 ILCS 5/10-17a(5). The school report card must describe, among other items, student characteristics, curriculum information, student outcomes and progress, and school environment. The environment report must include indicators from the *school climate survey* approved under 105 ILCS 5/2-3.153 (requires ISBE, in addition to its default school climate survey, to identify two or three alternative school survey instruments from which districts may select).

<sup>6</sup> 105 ILCS 5/22-82, added by P.A. 99-590, requires every school district to report to ISBE for each of its schools, by the 30th day of each school year, all reliable assessments the district administers that are scored by entities outside of the district. The district must make the report on an ISBE-provided form.

Each school must also make this information publicly available to the parents and guardians of its students through the district's Internet website or distribute the information in paper form. Id. at (b). See 2:250, E2, *Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*. Although not required by law, if a board wants to direct that this information be shared more broadly with the public for greater transparency, add "and to the community" after "parents/guardians of students."

<sup>7</sup> 105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5(e), amended by P.A. 100-222, governs recording assessment results in school student records. See also the Illinois School Student Records Act, 105 ILCS 10/; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §375.10.