

BOARD POLICY

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INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

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SYSTEMWIDE **ASSESSMENT** ~~STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAM~~

The purpose of the systemwide assessment program is to plan appropriate instructional activities for each student in addition to providing the School District and each school essential information on the growth and achievement of our learners.

The School District will select and administer a series of aptitude, diagnostic and standardized achievement assessments, which provide information related to a student's learning potential as well as longitudinal achievement data on individual learners and cohorts of students in the District. Other appropriate assessments may be used for diagnostic purposes.

The School District shall assess learning based on the current standards and curriculum being used in classrooms across the District. This includes, but is not limited to, school improvement assessments, common course and grade level assessments, and unit tests. These assessments, along with standardized assessments, provide a broader picture of a student's abilities and attainment of standards. In addition, surveys and student focus groups provide a "picture" of students' thoughts, feelings and attitudes.