

**REVISED POLICY - VOL. 30, NO. 2**

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

The Board of Education shall, in compliance with law and rules of the State Board of Education, assess student achievement and needs in designated subject areas in order to determine the progress of students and to assist them in attaining District goals.

Each student's proficiencies and needs will be assessed by staff members upon his/her entrance into the District and annually thereafter. Procedures for such assessments will include, but need not be limited to, teacher observation techniques, cumulative student records, student performance data collected through standard testing programs, student portfolios, and physical examinations.

~~{ } Additionally, the District shall monitor student academic growth in each subject area at least twice during the school year using competency based online assessments. The results of these assessments shall be shared with the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian.~~

~~**[NOTE: This option is provided to address Best Practice Incentive for Fiscal Year 2012-13.]**~~

The Superintendent shall develop

( ) and present to the Board annually

( ) and the Board shall approve

a program of testing and assessment that includes:

- A. the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) Education Assessment Program (for grades 3-9) and ~~the Michigan Merit Examination ("MME")~~ (or other readiness assessment program approved by the State Superintendent), ~~( ) the PSAT~~ ~~[END OF OPTION]~~ and MI-Access Alternate Assessments administered each year in accordance with the schedule established by statute and the State Department of Education;

~~The purpose of the Michigan Education Assessment Program and the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) is to assess student performance in mathematics, science, social studies, reading, and English language arts for the purpose of improving academic achievement and establishing a Statewide standard of competency. The MME will include the American College Test (ACT) provided at State expense for all students in Grade 11. ACT scores are used during the college admission process to assess high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.~~  
M-STEP includes summative assessments designed to measure student growth effectively for today's students. English language arts and mathematics will be assessed in grades 3-8, science in grades 4 and 7, and social studies in grades 5 and 8. It also includes the Michigan Merit Examination in 11th grade, which consists of the SAT with essay, ACT WorkKeys, and M-STEP summative in science, and social studies.

- B. criteria-based written and oral examinations which include use of alternative questions, demonstrations, writing exercises, individual and group projects, performances, portfolios, and samples of best work;
- C. selection of assessment instrument, data, and other District criteria that will be used to assess educational achievement of each student in grades 1 - 5;
  - [ ] Third grade students who do not meet the District's and State's established assessment criteria may be offered the opportunity to attend summer school.
- ( ) assessment tests;
- ( ) aptitude tests;
- ( ) achievement tests;
- ( ) vocational inventories;
- ( ) tests of mental ability.

The Board requires that:

- A. any assessment tests used shall not be a psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment; or a psychological examination, testing, or treatment in which the primary purpose is to reveal information concerning:
  - 1. political affiliations;
  - 2. mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his/her family;
  - 3. sexual behavior and attitude;
  - 4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, and demeaning behavior;
  - 5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  - 6. legally-recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
  - 7. income without the prior consent of the adult student or without the prior written consent of the parent;
- B. any personality testing complies with Department of Education guidelines.

The Board also requires that:

- ( ) tests be administered by persons who are qualified under State law and regulation;
- ( ) parents be informed of the testing program of the schools and of the special tests that are to be administered to their children;
- ( ) students who have not attained satisfactory scores on the fourth grade or seventh grade ~~test~~ ~~MEAP Tests~~ should be provided special assistance that will enable them to bring reading skills up to grade level within a twelve (12) month period;
- ( ) data regarding individual test scores be entered on the student's cumulative record, where it will be subject to the policy of this Board regarding student records;
- ( ) the results of each school-wide, program-wide, and District-wide test be made part of the public record.

All eleventh grade students shall participate in the Michigan Merit Examination, unless excluded under the guidelines established by the State Department of Education.

A student who wants to repeat a State approved readiness assessment (other than the Michigan Merit Examination and any ~~ACT~~-component) may repeat the assessment in the next school year or after graduation on a date when the District is administering the assessment. Only this type of repeat assessment testing will be without charge to the student.

The District shall administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to a student only once and shall not administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to the same student more than once if the student has valid scores in some or all MME components. If a student does not take the complete Michigan Merit Examination in grade 11, the District shall administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to the student in grade 12. If a student chooses to retake the college entrance examination component of the Michigan Merit Examination, the student may do so through the provider of the college entrance examination component and the cost of the retake is the responsibility of the student unless all of the following are met:

- A. the student has taken the complete Michigan Merit Examination
- B. the student did not qualify for a Michigan promise grant based on the student's performance on the complete Michigan Merit Examination
- C. the student meets the Federal income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch, or milk
- D. the student has applied to the provider of the college entrance examination component for a scholarship or fee waiver to cover the cost of the retake and that application has been denied
- E. after taking the complete Michigan Merit Examination, the student has not already received a free retake of the college entrance examination component paid for either by the State of Michigan, or through a scholarship or fee waiver by the provider

- [ ] In addition to the testing programs, the Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines whereby a portfolio is developed and maintained for each student.

M.C.L. 380.1279, 380.1279g, 390.1451 et seq., 380.1280b, ~~380.1282a~~  
A.C. Rule 340.1101 et seq.

~~MEAP Test Administration Manuals~~

380.1278a THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2016: See  
380.1278a.amended \*\*\*\*\*