

2624 GRADING SYSTEM

The Superintendent, in consultation with the teaching staff, shall develop a marking system to be used in each school. Individual schools will develop grading systems appropriate for their specific population and philosophy of the school. The system should be clear, easily understood by parents/legal guardians and pupils, and able to be applied with consistency of interpretation. Evaluation and grading symbols shall be intended to appraise the pupil's progress toward established goals, and shall be a factor in promotion/graduation decisions.

The Board of Directors encourages the certified staff, under the direction of the Superintendent, to employ a comprehensive approach to the use of appraisal and evaluative techniques in monitoring pupil progress, including, but not limited to, recognized standardized achievement testing programs, written and oral teacher-made tests, performance observation, parent/legal guardian interviews, formal and informal evaluation techniques, use of cumulative pupil records, and medical examinations.

The Superintendent shall have the right to review disputed grades and with Board approval to adjust them.

The district testing program shall embody at least the tests required by state law. The administration shall continually scrutinize the applicability and effectiveness of tests being used in the district.

School personnel shall not use tests, procedures or other guidance and counseling materials which are differentiated or stereotyped on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin or social or economic status.

Any requests for surveys, pupil observations, or pupil questionnaires must be forwarded through the Principal's office to the Superintendent for approval before any survey or observation can be conducted.

Individual results of standardized tests, including intelligence tests, shall be made available to parents/legal guardians upon their request, but shall be considered confidential information to be available only to authorized persons. School and district test results shall be discussed in a public meeting.

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