

2622 PUPIL ASSESSMENT

The New Jersey statewide assessment program has been designed to measure the extent to which all pupils at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels have attained New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Board of Directors will comply with implementing the schedule of the New Jersey State Board of Education statewide assessment program.

Assessments

The Superintendent shall develop and present to the Board annually for its approval an assessment program that complies with rules of the State Board of Education.

Records

Notwithstanding Policy No. 8330, information regarding individual pupil test scores shall be released only to the pupil, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or individuals eligible by court order and school personnel and school officials deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.

Dissemination of Information

The school district must release to the public the results of statewide assessments in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines. Additionally, the results of the performance of school district pupils on statewide assessments shall be released annually through the dissemination of the school district's New Jersey School Report Card and other such means as determined by the Superintendent.

Parental Notification

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be informed of the district assessment program and of any special tests that are to be administered to their children.

PROGRAM EXCEPTIONS

Pupils With Disabilities

Pupils with disabilities shall participate in all state assessments unless the pupil's disability is so severe that the pupil is not receiving instruction in any of the knowledge and

skills measured by the statewide assessment in a subject area with or without accommodations. The Board shall provide appropriate accommodations or modifications to the statewide assessment system as specified by the New Jersey Department of Education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.3 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team or the 504 Team in compliance with the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines. Special Review Assessment (SRA) may be used for pupils who have not demonstrated proficiency in one or more content areas of the High School Proficiency Assessment. Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) may be used for pupils with severe disabilities.

Pupils With Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Pupils with limited English proficiency (LEP) shall participate in all statewide assessments and may be provided appropriate accommodations or modifications as specified by the New Jersey Department of Education.

All pupils of limited English proficiency shall satisfy the requirements for high school graduation according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1, except any pupil of limited English proficiency may demonstrate they have attained State minimum levels of proficiency through:

1. Passage of the SRA process in their native language and passage of an English fluency assessment approved by the New Jersey Department of Education; or
2. Passage of the SRA process in English with appropriate accommodations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.2

N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.2 ; 6A:7-1.7;

6A:8-4.1 ; 6A:8-5.1 et seq.;

6A:14-1.1 et seq.; 6A:14-3.7; 6A:14-4.12;

6A:15-1.11

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