

Assessment Program

Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and to identify student performance standards as adopted by the State Board of Education.

Accordingly, the district shall maintain the following assessment program:

1. Criterion-reference assessments, including performance-based assessments, content-based assessments and other valid methods as may be required by state and federal requirements;
2. Individual diagnostic and ability evaluations in all grades when students have been referred and parental permission obtained;
3. Assessments by individual teachers;
4. Optional school wide and grade level wide assessments, as recommended by the superintendent and as approved by the Board.

It is the intent of the Board that progress is measured in a manner that clearly enables the student and parents to know whether the student is making progress toward meeting or exceeding academic content standards. District, school and individual results shall be reported to the Board, parents and the community, as prescribed by law.

The district shall make additional services or alternative educational or public school options available to any student who has not met or has exceeded all of the state-required academic content standards. Additionally, students in schools receiving Title I moneys that have been identified as in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring by NDE, will be provided in the form of supplemental services and public school options as required by law.

The district shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for assessment, evaluating and counseling students on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Staff will receive in-service education in the use of designated assessments and interpretation of assessment results.

The superintendent shall ensure a periodic review and evaluation of the district's assessment program is conducted.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s): NRS389.012; NRS389.500

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).

Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1400-1427, as amended and renamed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. 101-476, 104 Stat 1103 (1990), as amended P.L. 105-17 (1997). [P.L. 94-142 is a well-known “short” reference to this federal legislation.]

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title I, Sections 1111-1120B.