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### 2622 STUDENT ASSESSMENT

State assessments provide parents with important information about their child's progress; detailed diagnostic information about each individual student's performance that educators, parents, and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement; and include item analysis which will clarify a student's level of knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or area of a subject. The data derived from State assessments are utilized by teachers and administrators to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly. Such data can be accessed and utilized as a student progress to successive school levels.

The Commissioner of Education, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq. and 18A:7E-2 and 3, may implement assessments of student achievement in any grade(s) and by such assessments as the Commissioner deems appropriate. The system and related schedule of Statewide assessments shall be approved by the New Jersey State Board of Education. The school district shall, according to a schedule prescribed by the Commissioner, administer the applicable Statewide assessments pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(c) and (d).

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(c), all students at grade levels three through twelve, and at any other grade(s) designated by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(a), shall take all appropriate Statewide assessments as scheduled. The school district will provide accommodations or modifications to the Statewide assessment system in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(d).

Students with disabilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.3 shall participate in Statewide assessments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10. The school district shall administer the alternative State assessment for students with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(d)3.



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The school district shall implement alternative ways for students to demonstrate graduation proficiency in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)6, (f), (g), (h), or (i), as applicable.

The school district shall maintain an accurate record of each student's performance on Statewide assessments and maintain for every student a ninth grade through graduation transcript in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2(d). The Superintendent shall report assessment results to the public and provide educators, parents, and students with assessment results in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.; 18A:7E-2; 18A:7E-3  
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1 et seq.; 6A:8-5.1; 6A:14-1.1 et seq.;  
6A:14-3.7; 6A:14-4.10

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