## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Balanced, ongoing assessment is essential to the District's mission of providing an education appropriate to each student. Systematic collection, interpretation and application of assessment data are necessary to determine student learning and progress, to allow for accountability in teaching and learning, and to facilitate appropriate program review.

In additional to standardized achievement test, District assessment plans and procedures may involve the use of a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques. These may include approaches such as teacher-designed assessments, direct observations of student performance, instruments supplied by book companies, diagnostic assessments, tests of learning aptitude, career awareness and career aptitude/attitude assessments, portfolios, and any assessments required by state and federal laws.

The District expects all assessments to arise from clearly articulated instructional goals and achievement expectations, to serve an instructionally-relevant purpose, to utilize a reasonable and appropriate methodology, and to reasonable control for sources of bias and distortion that can lead to inaccurate assessment. Decisions regarding the assessment of students with disabilities and English language learners shall be made on a individualized basis to the extent required by law and in accordance with established District policies and procedures.

Summary District assessment data will be available to administrators, curriculum committees and the School Board. Appropriate summary assessment reports, as well as information about the assessments administered to students, will also be provided to the public as required by law. Summary data will be used for curriculum development and evaluation, program development and evaluation, establish District goals, making budgetary decisions, and developing remediation plans at the classroom, building, and District level when needed. Summary data will also be used to monitor the effectiveness of curriculum, materials, and instruction, to identify relevant trends with respect to

groups of students, to provide accountability to parent and guardians, and to determine areas for staff development and study.

When maintained by the District, scores, grades, and other assessment data that are personally identifiable to an individual student are legally-protected student records that will not be disclosed except as otherwise permitted or required by applicable law and b the District's student records policies.

The District shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for testing and evaluating students on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This does not, however, prohibit the use of special testing or counseling materials or techniques to meet the individualized needs of students. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

## Legal References:

n Statues	
115.415	<pre>(educator effectiveness evaluation requirements; include use of student assessment results)</pre>
115.77(1m)((bg)	<pre>(assessments; students with disabilities)</pre>
118.016	(reading readiness assessments)
118.13	(student nondiscrimination)
118.30	(state required student assessments)
118.301	(alternative student assessments)
118.3(1m)(a)	(civics test requirement for high school graduation)
118.33(6)	(use of state student assessment scores in promotion decisions)
121.02(1)( r)	(school district standard; 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading tests)]
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Section 121.02(1)(s) (school district standard; state-

required examinations)

Wisconsin Administrative Code

PI 8.01(2)(r) (3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading tests)

PI 8.01(2)(s) (achievement tests)

PI 9.03(1) (student nondiscrimination in testing/evaluation policies)

PI 13 (assessments; limited English

proficient students)

Federal Laws

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Part A - Subpart 1)

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