

## TESTING PROGRAMS

The Board believes that a program of group testing can provide a meaningful source of information about the adopted curriculum and overall student achievement. Therefore, the Board authorizes a program of group testing:

1. to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of current curriculum and instruction and to identify areas needing change;
2. to compare achievement of District students with achievement of a sample population as one means of evaluating student growth;
3. to provide a degree of diagnostic instructional information to teachers about the group(s) of students with whom they work;
4. to provide general information about a student's probable aptitude for school-related tasks and
5. to provide one basis for a longitudinal study of student achievement and proficiency.

Information gained through the use of group tests is used to design educational opportunities for students to better meet their individual and collective needs. The Board views such information gathering as a primary function of the public schools. Individual permission of parents is not required for the administration of these group tests.

The Board recognizes that all tests provide only a limited source of information about an individual student. Information drawn from group tests is therefore used only in conjunction with all other information available about a student in advising the student or assisting the student in improving his/her work.

Each disabled student is considered individually as to his/her participation in the proficiency testing program and achievement/ability testing program.

Records of the results of group tests shall be maintained in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

The administration has developed guidelines for the secure storing of testing instruments.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3319.32; 3319.321  
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CROSS REFS.: AFE, Evaluation of Instructional Programs (Also IM)  
IGBA, Programs for Students with Disabilities  
JO, Student Records