

**Chapter 6: INSTRUCTION****Achievement****Standardized Testing Program****Effective Date**

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The standardized testing program, as defined by Bloomington Public Schools, District 87, is an organized system-wide program which utilizes commercially developed instruments to assess the educational development, academic achievement, strengths, needs, and interests of groups of students. The standardized testing program is only one part of the total assessment process utilized by school personnel in their efforts to (a) teach and counsel students more effectively, and (b) evaluate the instructional program.

The following guidelines shall determine the Standardized Testing Program:

- Standardized tests shall be administered in grades one through eleven.
- The standardized testing program is subject to an on-going review and evaluation. Prior to the decisions to change the focus or direction of the total program, a representative group of teachers and administrators shall address issues and make recommendations for change, if any. Changes not affecting the overall purpose of the program may be made in order to increase the efficiency of the assessment process.
- Teachers and administrators shall be given appropriate in-service education relative to the administration of test and interpretation and use of group and individual results.
- The Superintendent or a designee shall prepare reports about the standardized testing results. Appropriate information regarding composite District results shall be provided to the School Board.
- Individual student test results shall be communicated to parent(s)guardian(s). Results shall be made available and interpreted to students when appropriate in terms of their maturational level.
- The Superintendent or a designee will prepare procedures to assist school personnel in the application and interpretation of this policy.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5 [Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 122, ¶ 10-20.5].

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