

### **Student Assessment Program**

The intent of this policy is to ensure that comprehensive student assessment information is available to help improve the quality of curriculum and instruction decisions in the Yakima School District. Valid and reliable norm and criterion referenced test information will be provided to staff, the superintendent and the Board of Directors which is intended for use in improving the programs and educational opportunities offered to students in the Yakima School District.

A comprehensive student assessment evaluation plan has been established and shall be updated annually. The plan describes how student assessment information will be used to:

1. Provide students, parent(s)/guardian(s), staff, and the Board of Directors with comprehensive information about student success in attaining district course, program, and exit outcomes;
2. Ensure that the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements are being achieved in accordance with state law and board policy;
3. Help make accurate and supportable decisions concerning the effectiveness of curriculum and instruction programs in the district;
4. Determine the achievement of students kindergarten through twelve (K-12) grade on a longitudinal basis according to important school and background variables;
5. Identify the rate of acquisition of basic skills over time in particular curriculum areas;
6. Determine when students have met specific levels of academic achievement for promotion to grades six (6) and nine (9) in accordance with policy 2421;
7. Stimulate increased student motivation for higher achievement as academic expectations are clearly communicated through the comprehensive testing and reporting system;
8. Satisfy state essential learning record keeping required by the Board of Directors and by state law; and
9. Inform parent(s)/guardian(s), staff, and the Board of Directors about the quality of the education program offered to students in the Yakima School District.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

**Cross References:**

(cf.: 2113 – Student Learning Outcomes)

(cf.: 2421 – Promotion)

**Legal References:**

RCW 28A.230 Compulsory Coursework and Activities

WAC 180-52-020 Pupil tests and records–Tests–School district policy in writing

WAC 180-52-030 Pupil tests and records–Certain tests, questionnaires, etc.–Limitations

WAC 180-52-035 Pupil tests and records–Diagnostic personality tests–Parental permission required

WAC 180-53 Educational quality–self-study by school districts

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