

TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for evaluating students in the district's schools.

School personnel and district instructional staff members are responsible for designing methods of evaluation of student progress. Individual schools will periodically evaluate practices and procedures to insure that maximum benefit is gained by the current practice.

Principals will ensure that all state and/or federal required assessment(s) are conducted appropriately within any law. Elementary and middle school students may take local cumulative assessment(s) at the end of the grading periods or the year based on developmentally appropriate practices and/or specific procedures approved by each principal of the school.

Secondary students, grades nine through 12, take final exams and/or end of course state tests at the conclusion of each course. The principal is responsible for specific procedures for administering exams or exempting exams.

Exemption criteria

Exemptions from exams are privileges earned by students.

Attendance-related criteria for exam exemptions are established by each school and will be discussed with students at the beginning of each school year.

No exam may be exempted with less than a "B" average.

All students must take at least one exam or end of course state test in a core subject per semester regardless of the "B" or "A" average criteria and/or the attendance criteria being met. Core subjects are English language arts, math, science and social studies courses. The school will establish the student process of exam selection to meet these criteria.

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