

State-Mandated Assessments. The School shall administer State-mandated assessments (*e.g.*, diagnostic assessments and achievement tests) to Students at the times designated by the State Board of Education. The School may, for medical reasons or other good cause, excuse a Student from taking a State-mandated assessment on the date scheduled, but any such assessment shall be administered to such excused Student not later than nine (9) calendar days after the last regularly scheduled test administration date. The School shall annually report to the State Board of Education, not later than June 30, the number of Students who have not taken one or more of the State-mandated assessments.

The Head of School or his/her designee shall administer State-mandated assessments and submit the assessments to the entity with which the Ohio Department of Education contracts for the scoring of the tests, in accordance with Ohio law.

Diagnostic Assessments are assessments aligned with the Ohio academic content standards and model curriculum designed to measure student comprehension of academic content and mastery of related skills for relevant subject areas. Diagnostic assessments shall be administered by the School at least once annually for grades levels kindergarten through second grade in reading, writing, and mathematics, and for grade three in reading and writing to the following students:

- Any Student who transfers to the School if his/her former school did not administer each applicable diagnostic assessment to the Student in the current school year (must be administered within thirty (30) days from the date of transfer).
- Previously home-schooled Students enrolling at the School will be given a diagnostic assessment in order to determine their appropriate grade level placement.
- Each kindergarten student will complete the readiness assessment. The School shall administer the readiness assessment not earlier than the first day of the school year and not later than November 1 of that year, except that the language and reading skills portion of the assessment must be administered by September 30 of that year.
- As required pursuant to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. See Policy 245 Promotion and Retention Policy.

Recordkeeping. The School shall keep records for each student that include the following:

- A unique state student identification code or student data verification code in accordance with R.C. 3301.0714(D)(2);
- A list or designation of which assessments are required and which assessments are not required;
- A list or designation of which assessments, required or not required, are taken and which assessments are not taken during each assessment administration period;
- A score for each assessment taken, whether required or not required;
- Whether or not each student attained the requisite performance standard designated for each required assessment;
- What, if any, assessments must still be taken;
- Whether or not intervention must be provided; and
- For each test required for graduation, the date passed shall be recorded on the student's transcript. No information regarding a test not passed shall be on the student's transcript.

After the administration of any diagnostic assessment and upon a Parent's request, the School shall provide a Student's completed diagnostic assessment, the results of such assessment, and any other accompanying documents used during the administration of the assessment to the Student's Parent.

Retention. No results from required statewide assessments shall be used as the sole basis for determining whether or not to promote a student from grade to grade, except as specified in the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

Summer Remediation Services. Instruction will be developed and offered by the School during the summer to any student who failed to score at the proficient level on a third grade reading achievement test or a diagnostic assessment.

Head of School Duties. The Head of School or his/her designee shall develop an assessment system that includes:

- The administration of state-mandated assessments;
- Regular assessments of student performance;
- Multiple and appropriate assessments that will be used to measure student progress;
- Assessment practices that conform to current professional standards for validity and reliability; and
- Sharing information with parents, students, and the community regarding assessment purposes and results.

The Head of School or his/her designee shall also develop:

- Procedures for using diagnostic assessments to measure student progress in accordance with academic standards;
- A plan for the design of classroom-based intervention services to meet the instructional needs of individual students as determined by the results of the diagnostic assessments;
- Procedures for the regular collection of student performance data; and
- Procedures for using student performance data to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention services and, if necessary, to modify those services.

Students with Disabilities. All identified students with disabilities in the School shall be considered for participation in State-mandated testing. The extent of the student's participation shall be determined by the IEP/504 team. The IEP/504 plan developed for the student must specify the manner in which the student will participate in the state achievement assessments. All students shall participate in diagnostic assessments except those with significant cognitive disabilities or other disabilities as authorized by the Ohio Department of Education on a case-by-case basis.

This policy shall be reviewed and updated annually.

See Policy 242.2 Alternate Assessments for Students with Disabilities; Policy 245 Promotion and Retention Policy. See Appendix 242.3-A for Individual Student Recordkeeping Chart.

*R.C. 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0715, 3313.608, 3313.6012; OAC 3301-13 et seq. and 3301-35 et seq.*