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State Required Assessments

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I. PURPOSE

Minneapolis Public Schools complies with state established requirements for assessment of student academic achievement of state academic standards. It is the purpose of this policy to establish responsibility for that compliance and assurance of creating adequate opportunities for students to demonstrate progress toward district and state academic goals.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The District will administer annually, in accordance with the process determined by the Minnesota State Department of Education, the state-constructed tests to all students for whom such tests are required by the State.
- B. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall establish procedures in accordance with Minnesota law regarding state required assessments for test:
 - 1. scheduling
 - 2. notification to parents and students
 - 3. administration
 - 4. reporting
 - 5. documentation
 - 6. student record keeping and
 - 7. security.
- C. The Superintendent shall report on the state required testing procedures no less than annually to the Board of Directors.
- D. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall provide staff development to school representatives for the implementation of the established test procedures.
- E. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall provide staff development to school representatives regarding appropriate procedures for modifications and accommodations in testing procedures for students with individualized education programs (IEPs), individualized accommodation plans (IAPs), or who are English Language learners.
- F. The District shall report to the Minnesota State Department of Education any student exemptions from statewide or locally constructed assessments as approved by the student's parent or guardian based on the student's incapacity to take the tests according to:



1. the determination by the student's individualized education program team; and/or
 2. the student's limited English proficiency, which limitation meets State rules for exemption from testing.
- G. Students exempt from testing according to Paragraph II.F. shall be provided alternative assessments.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement this policy.
- B. Each principal shall designate a school representative charged with state testing procedures compliance. That representative shall inform other school staff of their responsibilities regarding the testing program.
- C. All district staff charged with responsibilities in the testing program shall perform their duties as required by district policy and state law.

Legal References:

- 20 U.S.C. §6301, *et. seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)
Minn. Stat. §120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. §120B.023 (Benchmarks)
Minn. Stat. §120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement; Striving for the World's Best Workforce)
Minn. Stat. §123B.35 (Student Academic Achievement and Growth)