STUDENT ASSESSMENT

The Superintendent shall develop a program of testing and assessment that includes:

A. the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), the Michigan Merit Examination ("MME") (or other readiness assessment program approved by the State Superintendent) and MI-Access Alternate Assessments administered each year in accordance with the schedule established by statute and the State Department of Education;

B. A valid and reliable screening, formative, and diagnostic third grade reading assessment system from the assessment systems approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

C. criteria-based written and oral examinations which include use of alternative questions, demonstrations, writing exercises, individual and group projects, performances, portfolios, and samples of best work;

D. selection of assessment instrument, data, and other District criteria that will be used to assess educational achievement of each student;

The Board requires that:

A. any assessment tests used shall not be a psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment; or a psychological examination, testing, or treatment in which the primary purpose is to reveal information concerning:

1. political affiliations;
2. mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his/her family;
3. sexual behavior and attitude;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, and demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. legally-recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. income without the prior consent of the adult student or without the prior written consent of the parent;

B. any personality testing complies with Department of Education guidelines.

The Board also requires that:

1. tests be administered by persons who are qualified under State law and regulation;

2. parents be informed of the testing program of the schools and of the special tests that are to be administered to their children;

3. data regarding individual test scores be entered on the student's cumulative record, where it will be subject to the policy of this Board regarding student records;

4. the results of each school-wide, program-wide, and District wide test be made part of the public record.

All eleventh grade students shall participate in the Michigan Merit Examination, unless excluded under the guidelines established by the State Department of Education.

A student who wants to repeat a State approved readiness assessment (other than the Michigan Merit Examination and any component) may repeat the assessment in the next school year or after graduation on a date when the District is administering the assessment. Only this type of repeat assessment testing will be without charge to the student.

The District shall administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to a student only once and shall not administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to the same student more than once if the student has valid scores in some or all MME components. If a student does not take the complete Michigan Merit Examination in grade 11, the District shall administer the complete Michigan Merit Examination to the student in grade 12. If a student chooses to retake the college entrance examination component of the Michigan Merit Examination, the student may do so through the provider of the college entrance examination component and the cost of the retake is the responsibility of the student unless all of the following are met:

A. the student has taken the complete Michigan Merit Examination

B. the student did not qualify for a Michigan promise grant based on the student's performance on the complete Michigan Merit Examination

C. the student meets the Federal income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch, or milk
D. the student has applied to the provider of the college entrance examination component for a scholarship or fee waiver to cover the cost of the retake and that application has been denied

E. after taking the complete Michigan Merit Examination, the student has not already received a free retake of the college entrance examination component paid for either by the State of Michigan, or through a scholarship or fee waiver by the provider

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