

Policy

EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Grading

The superintendent, in consultation with the teaching staff, shall develop a marking system to be used uniformly in the same grade level throughout the schools. The system should be clear, easily understood by parents/guardians and students, and able to be applied with consistency of interpretation. Computation of grade-point average and rank in class shall be uniform throughout the district. Evaluation and grading symbols shall be intended to appraise the student's progress toward established goals, and shall be a factor in promotion/graduation decisions.

The Township of Union Board of Education encourages the certified staff, under the direction of the superintendent, to employ a comprehensive approach to the use of appraisal and evaluative techniques in monitoring student progress, including, but not limited to, written and oral teacher-made tests, performance observation, parent/guardian interviews, formal and informal evaluation techniques, use of cumulative student records, and medical examinations. Recognized standardized achievement tests may also be used in grades designated by the board.

The superintendent shall have the right to review disputed grades and with board approval to adjust them.

Testing

In addition to testing procedures established in policy 5120 Assessment of Individual Needs, the school district shall establish and maintain a general testing program to:

- A. Improve the instructional program to assist students in achieving the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and language arts and literacy and the Core Curriculum Content Standards;
- B. Measure the needs and progress of individual students;
- C. Measure the achievement of grade levels;
- D. Allow comparison of district students with national or other norms;
- E. Aid in evaluation of programs.

The district testing program shall embody at least the tests required by state and federal law. The administration shall continually scrutinize the applicability and effectiveness of tests being used in the district.

School personnel shall not use tests, procedures or other guidance and counseling materials that are differentiated or stereotyped on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, nationality, disability, marital status, familial statuses, pregnancy or social or economic status.

Any requests for surveys, student observations, or student questionnaires must be forwarded through the principal's office to the superintendent's office for approval before any survey or observation can be conducted. If the survey concerns any of the topics described in statute, the superintendent shall obtain written consent from parents/guardians or the students being surveyed at least two weeks prior to its

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administration.

Individual results of standardized tests, including intelligence tests, shall be made available to parents/guardians upon their request, but shall be considered confidential information to be available only to authorized persons. School and district test results shall be discussed in a public meeting.

Assessments

The superintendent shall develop and present to the board annually for its approval an assessment program that complies with rules of the State Board of Education. As a minimum, the program shall include the following assessments:

- A. Fourth and fifth grade pupils in the district shall be assessed using the State Board of Education Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA) as provided by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- B. Eighth grade pupils in the district shall be assessed using the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) as provided by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- C. Eleventh grade pupils in the district shall be assessed using the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) as provided by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- D. Twelfth grade pupils shall have met the requirements for the award of a high school diploma, in accordance with Policy No. 6146
- E. The Board may determine that pupils in the district may be assessed by other standardized testing instruments.

Determining Class Rank

The superintendent shall develop procedures for determining class ranking that take into account:

- A. Records of transfer students;
- B. Honors and advanced courses.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-3, -4, -6, -6.2 Remedial instruction for students not meeting graduation standards
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9 Student promotion and remediation, policies and procedures
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-34 Written approval required prior to acquisition of certain survey information from students
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7 Equality in school and classroom practice

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<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessments
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.3, -4.1, -5.1</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(c)</u>	District policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1</u>	Definitions
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.1</u>	Student Records
<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2</u>	School-level planning

34 CFR 98 - Protection of Student Rights

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Talarsky v. Edison Township Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 862

Possible

Cross References:

*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
*1120	Board of education meetings
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5120	Assessment of individual needs
*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
*5125	Student records
*5141.3	Health examinations and immunizations
*6142.6	Basic skills
*6146	Graduation requirements
*6146.2	Promotion/retention
*6147	Standards of proficiency

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.