

TESTING PROGRAMS

The Sanford School Department shall assess each student on a regular basis, including quarterly student progress reports, annual parent conferences, and standardized testing.

Testing shall be carried out to provide information on the basic items of 1. learner educational needs, and 2. learner educational achievement.

Testing programs shall be designed as integral parts of the needs assessment and evaluation programs. They shall be developed primarily for furnishing needed information to decision makers, including the School Committee, administrators, teachers, parents and students. The needs of these various users shall be clearly identified, and the testing program shall be limited to obtaining that information which is needed and useful.

Into the planning process, every effort shall be made to see that testing contributes to the learning process rather than detracts from it. Efforts shall be made to incorporate necessary culture-free or culture-fair tests to assure that measurements are reasonably accurate. Learning goals and objectives shall provide the guidelines for determining tests to be utilized. Access to testing results shall be in conformity to State and Federal Regulations.

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