

TESTING PROGRAMS

The Board of Education believes that testing programs can provide a meaningful source of information about the curriculum and overall student achievement. The Board, therefore, authorizes a program of testing to help accomplish the following objectives:

1. To evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the current curriculum and methods of instruction.
2. To provide one means to evaluate student growth through individual, inter-District, and intra-District comparison.
3. To provide teachers with diagnostic information which will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students.
4. To provide a basis for longitudinal study of student achievement.

Information gained through the use of testing programs will be used to design educational opportunities for students to better meet their individual and collective needs. The Board views this purpose to be a primary function of schools.

The Board recognizes that tests provide only a limited source of information and will, therefore, be used only in conjunction with all other information known about a student.

Records of the results of tests shall be maintained in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

The Superintendent will establish testing programs consistent with New York State regulations and the Regents goals for elementary and secondary school students.