

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAMS

The School District of West Salem shall establish and maintain a standardized basic testing program, which can be used, communicated and interpreted by the schools and by the district.

The program shall lend itself to:

1. A qualitative assessment of the educational program of the district for purposes of reporting the overall status of the district and charting the growth of its students, grades, schools and areas from year to year.
2. Appropriate reports to the Board.
3. Interpretation and use by teachers, counselors and administrators so that the test findings will influence the guidance and counseling of individual students and the development of a high quality curriculum.

The testing program shall reflect the academic growth of students according to their own capacities and to local, state and national norms; and assess the academic growth of students in the elementary and secondary grades. The district's testing program shall also embody those tests required by state laws and regulations. Additional standardized tests may be administered only with the Board of Education approval if they are aligned with the district's curriculum.

Students with exceptional educational needs (EEN) and limited-English speaking (LES) students shall participate in the district's standardized testing programs in accordance with state law and established procedures. The district shall decide whether to include or exclude an EEN or LES student on a case-by-case basis.

The Board shall annually notify parents/guardians of eighth and 10th grade students that they may request that the Board excuse their child from taking the state 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th grade tests. Upon such request, the student shall be excused.

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The School District of West Salem shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for testing, evaluating and counseling students on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
 118.30
 120.12(2)
 121.02(1)(o), (r) and (s)
 PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code
 PI 13.03
 PI 16

CROSS REF.: 346-Rule, Testing Guidelines
 411-Rule, Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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