

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Assessment shall be performed to provide information on student abilities, achievements and educational needs.

A variety of testing tools shall be designed and applied as integral parts of the school unit's needs assessment and evaluation programs. The testing program shall be limited to obtaining that information which is necessary and useful. Tests shall be utilized primarily for furnishing clearly identified information to decision makers, including the Board, administrators, teachers, parents and students. The needs of these various users shall be clearly identified.

There shall be broad-based involvement in the development of testing programs. Concerted effort shall be made to see that testing contributes to the learning process rather than detracts from it. Efforts shall be made to select culture-free/culture-fair tests to attain greatest accuracy. Learning goals and objectives shall provide the guidelines for determining tests to be utilized.

The RSU No. 5 School Department shall participate in the state-wide Maine Educational Assessment program as required by Maine law and applicable rules of the Commissioner of Education.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy which will identify the standardized evaluation instruments and the procedures to be used.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 6201  
CH. 125.15, B (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)

Cross Reference: IK - Academic Achievement

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