

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Descriptor Term: TESTING PROGRAMS	Descriptor No: IS 11	Date Adopted: 4/79
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1 The Board shall provide for a systemwide testing program which shall be periodically reviewed
2 and evaluated. The purposes of the program shall be to:

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- 4 1. Assist in promoting accountability;
- 5 2. Determine the progress of students;
- 6 3. Assess the effectiveness of the instructional program and student learning;
- 7 4. Aid in counseling and guiding students in planning future education and other
8 endeavors;
- 9 5. Analyze the improvements needed in a given instructional area;
- 10 6. Assist in the screening of students with learning difficulties;^{1,2}
- 11 7. Assist in placing students in remedial programs;
- 12 8. Assist in educational research by providing data.

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14 In planning testing programs, every effort shall be made to see that testing contributes to the
15 learning process rather than detracts from it. Efforts shall be made to incorporate necessary
16 culture-free or culture-fair tests to assure that measurements are reasonable, unbiased, and
17 accurate.

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19 The Director of Schools shall be responsible for planning and implementing the program, which
20 includes:

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- 22 1. Determining specific purposes for each test;
- 23 2. Selecting the appropriate test to be given;
- 24 3. Establishing procedures for administering the tests;
- 25 4. Making provision for interpreting and disseminating the results;
- 26 5. Maintaining testing information in a consistent and confidential manner; and
- 27 6. Ensuring that results are obtained as quickly as possible, especially when placement
28 in a special learning program might be necessary.

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30 State-mandated student testing programs shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures
31 published by the State Department of Education.³

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33 Student scores on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program's grades three through
34 eight (3-8) shall comprise fifteen (15%) percent of the student's final grade in the spring semester
35 in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science and social studies.⁴

36 Other tests may be given as requested by students, teachers or parents when approved by the
37 principal.

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39 Any test directly concerned with measuring student ability or achievement through individual or
40 group psychological or sociometric tests shall not be administered by or with the knowledge of
41 any employee of the system without first obtaining written consent of the parents or guardians.²
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43 Results of all group tests shall be recorded on the students' permanent records and shall be made
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73 Legal References:

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75 1. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-10-108
76 2. 20 USCA 1232 g(h)
77 3. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(9)
78 4. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-614
79 5. Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504
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82 Cross References:

- 83 Student Psychological Services 6.406
84 Student Records 6.600