



TESTING PROGRAM

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**POLICY**

It is the policy of the Seattle School Board to utilize a variety of Educational measurement and assessment processes and to provide for the administration of tests at the appropriate grade levels. The district's testing program shall provide an opportunity for students to be measured fairly and impartially. No school program shall be exempt from the District's testing program.

The purpose of diagnostic tests and/or periodic student assessments will be used to measure student mastery of the district's curriculum and local building effectiveness; standardized achievement tests will be used to measure the achievement of Seattle students against national norms. Parents, legal guardians and students may have access to all test scores, accompanied by appropriate interpretation.

It shall be district policy to explore testing methodologies with the goal of moving toward forms of student achievement evaluation which are criteria referenced in addition to norm-referenced test, wherever appropriate, and related to district learning objectives.

Reference: RCW 28A.230.190 Assessments, Achievement Tests, Scope,  
Purpose-Procedure

High School Program Seminar Report, March 1983

Effective Schools Seminar Report, February 1982

Statewide Testing Program