

Assessment Program**

The ESD's assessment program shall be designed for the purpose of determining ESD and school program improvement and individual student needs including the requirements of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Each year the ESD shall determine each student's progress toward achieving federal, state and local achievement requirements.

Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and to identify students who meet or exceed the performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Accordingly, the ESD shall maintain the following assessment program:

1. Criterion-reference assessments, including performance-based assessments, content-based assessments and other valid methods as may be required by state and federal requirements;
2. Individual diagnostic and ability evaluations in all grades when students have been referred and parental permission obtained;
3. Assessments by individual teachers;
4. Optional schoolwide and grade level wide assessments, as recommended by the superintendent and as approved by the Board.

It is the intent of the Board that progress be measured in a manner that clearly enables the student and parents to know whether the student is making progress toward meeting or exceeding academic content standards and Essential Skills. ESD, school and individual results shall be reported to the Board, parents and the community, as prescribed by law.

The ESD shall make additional services or alternative educational or public school options available to any student who has not met or has exceeded all of the state-required academic content standards. Additionally, students in schools receiving Title I moneys that have been identified by ODE will be provided supplemental services and public school options as required by law.

The ESD shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for assessment, evaluating and counseling students on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, disability or marital status. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Staff will receive in-service education in the use of designated assessments and interpretation of assessment results.

A parent on behalf of their student or an adult student may annually opt-out of taking a statewide summative assessment by completing and submitting ODE’s opt-out form¹ to the school. The district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment. A student may be excused from the Oregon Statewide Assessment Program for disability or religious reasons. Parents and adult students will be provided the required notices² and access to forms by the district that include a time frame in which statewide assessments will take place, and an adult student’s or parent’s right to request an exemption from taking the statewide summative assessments.

The act of student-initiated test impropriety is prohibited. A student that participates in an act of student-initiated test impropriety will be subject to discipline. “Student-initiated test impropriety” means student conduct that is inconsistent with the *Test Administration Manual* or accompanying guidance; or results in a score that is invalid.

The superintendent shall ensure a periodic review and evaluation of the ESD’s assessment program is conducted.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 40.245	OAR 581-021-0009	OAR 581-022-2270
ORS 326.565	OAR 581-021-0030	
ORS 326.575	OAR 581-022-2100	HB 2655 (2015)
ORS 329.485	OAR 581-022-2110	
ORS 336.187	OAR 581-022-2115	HB 3041 (2021)
ORS 659.870	OAR 581-022-2310	SB 602 (2021)
ORS 659.850	OAR 581-022-2030	
	OAR 581-022-2060	

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2021).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2018); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2021).

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1419 (2018).

Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2018).

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver; July 23, 2015.

¹ Oregon Department of Education page for: [30-day notice and opt-out form](#)

² ESDs are required to provide notice twice each year: once at the beginning of the year and second time at least 30 days prior to the administration of the test.