

**STANDARDIZED TESTING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

The Superintendent or designee shall administer mandatory student assessments within the state Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program as required by law and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Governing Board encourages all students at the applicable grade levels to participate in the STAR assessments in order to maximize the usefulness of the data and enable the district to meet participation levels required for state and federal accountability systems. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about the importance of these assessments and shall develop strategies to encourage student participation. Students shall be exempted from participation only in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

The Board desires to use the results of the achievement tests to evaluate the performance of district students against the state's academic standards, the performance of students in other districts across the state, and national norms.

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