

TESTING PROGRAMS

The Board of Education (the Board) of the Bethlehem Central School District (the District) believes that standardized testing programs can provide a meaningful source of information about the curriculum and overall student achievement. The Board, therefore, authorizes a program of testing to help accomplish the following objectives:

1. to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the current curriculum and methods of instruction;
2. to provide one means to evaluate student growth through individual, intra-District, and inter-District comparison;
3. to provide teachers with diagnostic information that will enable them to better address the instructional needs of their students; and
4. to provide a basis for longitudinal study of student achievement.

Information gained through the use of testing programs will be used to design educational opportunities for students to better meet their individual and collective needs.

The Board views this purpose to be a primary function of schools. The Board recognizes that tests provide only a limited source of information, and will therefore be used only in conjunction with all other information known about a student or to assist the student in improving his/her work.

Records of the results of standardized tests shall be maintained in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.

Ref: 8 NYCRR §§100.3(b)2; 100.4(d)1; 100.5(a)4; 100.5(b)5; 100.5(c)5

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