

Berkeley USD

Board Policy

Standardized Testing And Reporting Program

BP 6162.51

Instruction

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.

The Board shall annually examine STAR results by school, grade level, and student subgroup in the Board's discussion of each school's ranking on the statewide Academic Performance Index. If the average STAR test score of the school is below the 50th percentile, or if the test scores of more than 25 percent of the school's students are below the 50th percentile, the Board may conduct an assessment by grade level of the reasons for the performance results and may adopt an improved performance plan in accordance with Education Code 52056.

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
51041 Evaluation of educational program

52056 Board discussion of Academic Performance Index rankings, including STAR results
56345 Individualized education program, contents
60600-60630 Assessment of academic achievement
60640-60649 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
60660-60663 Electronic learning assessment resources
60810 Assessment of language development
99300-99301 Early Assessment Program
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
850-870 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1412(a)(17) Participation of students with disabilities in state assessments
6311 Adequate yearly progress
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
200.1 Standards and assessment

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Matrix of Test Variations, Accommodations and Modifications for Administration of California Statewide Assessments

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

The Early Assessment Program: Handbook for School Site Leaders, 2008

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

The Use of Tests as Part of High-Stakes Decision-Making for Students: A Resource Guide for Educators and Policy-Makers, December 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, STAR Program:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr>

California Learning Resources Network: <http://clrn.org>

California State University, Early Assessment Program:

<http://www.calstate.edu/eap>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

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