Instruction BP 6162.5(a)

### STUDENT ASSESSMENT

The Governing Board recognizes that student assessments are an important instructional and accountability tool. To obtain the most accurate evaluation of student performance, the district shall use a variety of measures, including district, state, and/or national assessments.

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(cf. 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests)
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Assessment data shall be used to help determine individual students' progress, mastery of academic standards, appropriate placement in district programs, and/or eligibility for graduation. In addition, summary data on student assessment results shall be used by the district to identify and review student achievement goals in the district's local control and accountability plan, evaluate district educational programs in order to identify needed improvements, and, as appropriate, evaluate staff performance.

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(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 0500 – Accountability)
(cf. 2140 Evaluation of the Superintendent)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4315 – Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
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In selecting or developing any district assessment, the Superintendent or designee shall examine evidence of its reliability, its validity for the intended purpose and for various student populations, and the extent to which it aligns with the material that is being taught.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that assessments are administered in accordance with law and test publisher's directions, and that test administration procedures are fair and equitable for all students.

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(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 6162.54 – Test Integrity / Test Preparation)
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As appropriate, assessment results shall be disaggregated by student subgroup, classroom, grade level, and/or school site to allow for critical analysis of student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as needed to assist administrators and teachers in interpreting and using assessment data to improve student performance and the instructional program.

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(cf. 4131 / 4331 – Staff Development)
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When districtwide and school-level results of student assessments are published by the state, the Superintendent or designee may provide supplementary information to assist parents/guardians and the community in understanding test results.

### **Interim and Formative Assessments**

State interim and formative assessments may be used in combination with other sources of information to gain timely feedback about student progress in an effort to continually adjust instruction to improve learning. Results from interim and formative assessments shall not be used for any high-stakes purpose, including, but not limited to, teacher or other staff evaluation, accountability, student grade promotion or retention, graduation, course or class placement, identification for gifted or talented education, reclassification of English learners, or identification as an individual with exceptional needs. (Education Code 60642.6, 60642.7)

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(cf. 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6152 – Class Assignment)
(cf. 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6172 – Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6174 – Education for English Learners)
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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers who administer interim and formative assessments have access to all functions and information designed for teacher use related to such assessments and student performance on the assessments. (Education Code 60642.6)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# STUDENT ASSESSMENT (continued)

## Legal Reference:

**Policy** 

**EDUCATION CODE** 

313 Assessment of English language development

10600-10610 California Education Information System

44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (Stull Act)

49558 Free and reduced-price meals; use of individual applications and records

51041 Evaluation of educational program 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

52052 Accountability; numerically significant student subgroups

52060-52077 Local control and accountability

60600-60649 Assessment of academic achievement

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

60800 Physical fitness testing

60810 Assessment of English language development

60900 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

850-864 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

### Management Resources:

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: http://www.smarterbalanced.org

U.S. Department of Education: <a href="http://www.ed.gov">http://www.ed.gov</a>

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