

Policy

STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with teaching staff, shall develop criteria for evaluation, indicators of achievement of the criteria, and acceptable standards of achievement for all grade levels, courses and programs offered by the district. The criteria, indicators and standards must be related to district goals and objectives. Parents/guardians shall be informed in a timely manner whenever their child appears in danger of failing to meet required proficiency levels. Parents/guardians shall be strongly encouraged to participate in designing remedial plans for their children.

These standards of proficiency shall include but not be limited to those New Jersey Student Learning Standards identified by the State Department of Education and shall form the basis for the district's grading system. The specific indicators of achievement and standards of proficiency developed for all courses and programs shall be given to students and parents/guardians, in writing.

By the date required by law, the Superintendent of Schools shall annually report to the board and the community at a regularly scheduled meeting an evaluation of student achievement toward meeting district and school goals and objectives. As a minimum, the report shall include the following assessments:

- A. State required grade levels shall be assessed using the Partnership for Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), as provided by the New Jersey Department of Education;
- B. The board may determine that students in the district be assessed by other standardized testing instruments.

Low student achievement shall be regarded by the board as an indication that revisions are needed in educational programming, general strategy, staff resource use, staff evaluation, and/or other aspects of the learning program.

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Key Words

Proficiencies, Standards of Proficiency

Legal References: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7E-2 through -5	School report card program
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-4	Periodic review of core curriculum content standard by state board; establishment of thoroughness and efficiency standards and cost per student
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-29	Academic achievement reward program
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.9	Student promotion and remediation; policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessment

STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY (continued)See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1, -1.3,-2.1,
-4.1, -4.4, -5.1

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.11 Statewide assessment

N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.1 et seq. Bilingual Education

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.11

N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3 Commissioner to ensure achievement of the
Core Curriculum Content Standards

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-2.1 Definitions

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 et seq. Annual Reporting and Planning Requirement

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.1 et seq. Student Behavior

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.1 et seq. State and Federally Mandated Programs and
Services

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1120	Board of education meetings
	*5113	Absences and excuses
	*5120	Assessment of individual needs
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
	*5125	Student records
	6000	Concepts and roles in instruction
	*6010	Goals and objectives
	*6140	Curriculum adoption
	*6141	Curriculum design/development
	*6146	Promotion from eighth grade
	*6146.2	Promotion/retention
	*6171.1	Remedial instruction
	*6171.3	At-risk and Title 1
	*6300	Evaluation of the instructional program

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.