

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
Title	Assessment System
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Purpose

The Board recognizes its responsibility to develop and implement an assessment system that will determine the degree to which students are achieving academic standards and will provide information for improving the educational program.

Authority

The Board shall approve an assessment system for use in district schools to measure student progress in relation to local academic standards, and state assessments. The Board shall approve an assessment system as required by state law or Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) regulations.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

The Board reserves the right to review district assessment measures and to approve those that serve a legitimate purpose without infringing upon the personal rights of the students or parents/guardians.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

In accordance with state regulations, the Board directs the Superintendent or designee to grant requests by parents/guardians to review the state assessments prior to their administration, during regular district office hours. Parent/Guardian requests shall be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the administration of state assessments. The district shall ensure the security of the assessment documents.[\[5\]](#)

In accordance with PDE regulations, parents/guardians shall have the right to have their child excused from state assessments that conflict with their religious beliefs, upon receipt of a written request to the Superintendent.[\[5\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend various methods of assessment and evaluation based on his/her professional judgment, generally accepted professional practice, and staff input and state regulations.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide summary information to the public regarding student achievement, including results of assessment, in accordance with federal and state law and regulations.[\[3\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information regarding the achievement of academic standards to the PA Department of Education when requested; such information shall not include student names, identification numbers or individually identifiable information.[\[3\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend improvements in the educational program, curriculum, and instructional practices based upon student assessment results.[\[3\]](#)

Guidelines

Parents/Guardians shall receive information regarding their child's state assessment scores and may obtain an explanation of assessment results from qualified school personnel.[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

The district shall provide assistance to students who are not at the proficient level on state assessments. The district shall inform students and parents/guardians about how to access such assistance.[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

Students with disabilities and English Learner students shall participate in assessments, with appropriate accommodations when necessary.[\[2\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

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1. [22 PA Code 4.12](#)
 2. [22 PA Code 4.51](#)
 3. [22 PA Code 4.52](#)
 4. [22 PA Code 12.41](#)
 5. [22 PA Code 4.4](#)
 6. [20 U.S.C. 6311](#)
 7. Pol. 138
 8. Pol. 212
 9. Pol. 103.1
 10. Pol. 113
 11. Pol. 102

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