



Policy: Assessments, Academic Prevention and Intervention Services

The Governing Authority has adopted the following policy to govern the conduct of assessments and academic prevention and intervention services for all grade levels served by the School. This policy shall be reviewed and/or updated annually.

I. Procedures for Using Diagnostic Assessments

Diagnostic assessments are used to measure student progress toward the attainment of the state's academic standards and to identify students who may not attain the state's academic standards in accordance with Section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code. Throughout the year, the School shall use a variety of assessments.

- A. State Assessments. The School shall administer state assessments during the School year in the method and manner as mandated by law and the State Board of Education for each grade level served by the School. A student may be excused from taking a state assessment if excused by law, medical reasons, or other good cause. In such cases, the student shall take the assessment within nine days of the missed assessment.
- B. Diagnostic Assessments. A diagnostic assessment is a form of a pre-assessment that allows the School to determine a student's strengths, weaknesses, knowledge, and skills. The School uses diagnostic assessments to assess a student's areas of weakness and to guide their teachers' lesson and curriculum planning. If the grades are served by the School, the School administers diagnostic tests at least once annually for grade levels kindergarten through second grade in reading, writing, and mathematics. For third grade students, the School administers a reading and writing diagnostic assessment for any transfer student within thirty days of initial entry if the student's prior School did not administer applicable assessments in the current year. A former home school student will be administered a diagnostic assessment to determine appropriate placement. The School shall also administer a kindergarten readiness assessment between the first day of the School year and November 1st, with the language and reading skills parts administered by September 30th. The School shall also administer any other assessments as required by law or as it determines may benefit students.

II. Prevention and Intervention Services

For Students who score below the proficient level on proficiency and achievement tests, the School shall provide, in the subsequent School year, academic prevention and intervention services in the pertinent subject areas



to students commensurate with their performance and/or with intervention services required by Sections 3313.608, 3301.0711 and 3301.0715 of the Revised Code.

- A. Plan for Classroom-based Intervention. Assessment results will be analyzed to identify students' areas of academic strength and/or weakness. Based on those results, specific academic interventions will be designed to meet the instructional needs of individual students, planned and implemented, which may include classroom-based interventions. Interventions will be formalized and aimed at a student's specific weakness. Results will be monitored at regular intervals during the implementation of the interventions. Flexibility shall be maintained to ensure each student is making progress.

The types of classroom-based interventions will vary based on the specific needs of students. As an example, the School may use, but is not limited to, the following classroom-based interventions: changes in environment, assignments, testing adaptations, organizational skills, behavior, and/or instruction and presentation modifications.

- B. Graduation Rate. Following the administration of assessments to ninth grade students required by Section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, if the School has a three-year graduation rate of less than seventy-five percent, intervention services will be provided to any students who took the assessments and have failed to make progress toward fulfilling graduation requirements.

III. Collection of Student Data

The School regularly collects student performance data. Student performance data shall be used to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention services, and, if necessary, to modify intervention services. Records are kept in each student's file with the results of each assessment taken, both required and not required. Results include whether the student attained the performance standard designated for that assessment. Records also contain specific information on interventions that have been utilized and the student's response to intervention.

IV. Use of Performance Data

The School will use student performance data to regularly evaluate the effect of its intervention services and modify the services as necessary. The School shall not use a student's statewide assessment results as the sole basis for determining whether or not to promote a student to the next grade, except as required in the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Summer remediation may be offered to students who fail to score at the proficient level on the Third



Grade Reading Achievement Test or diagnostic assessment. Assessment results will be shared with a student's parents or guardians.