

[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 140, 172, 209 and 217]

2610 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM EVALUATION (M)

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop and implement a systematic plan for the continuous evaluation of the educational program against the educational goals established by this Board. ~~To this end, the Superintendent shall employ such tests and methods~~ **that will ensure decision making is data driven and a variety of sources of data are used to analyze and monitor student achievement and progress, as well as evaluate school programs** ~~as may be indicated by sound professional judgment.~~ Wherever possible, the assessment program shall follow evaluation procedures set forth in the course guides.

The Superintendent shall maintain a calendar of assessment activities and shall make periodic evaluation reports to the Board ~~during the school year. Findings of the assessment program may be used to~~ **that** evaluate the progress of pupils and the effectiveness of staff members. **The Superintendent shall use multiple (more than two) sources of data to monitor student achievement and the progress of students. The Superintendent shall also use multiple (more than two) sources of data to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, initiatives, and strategies.**

The Board will annually make available to the public the collective progress of pupils toward the goals of the district. The Board will annually, prior to the end of the school year and in conjunction with appropriate members of the administrative staff, conduct a review of the educational progress of the district, assess district and pupil needs, and establish long range and short range objectives for the educational program. The Board's annual report will be submitted to the Commissioner of Education as required.

The Superintendent shall annually recommend improvements in the educational program based on the Board's evaluation of the district's program. The Board reserves the right to employ experts from outside the school district to serve in the evaluation process.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11
N.J.A.C.; 6A:8-4.1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:19-2.6 [vocational districts]

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