

**RSU #16** (Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland)

**Policy Code:** *ILA*

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## **Student Assessment/Local Assessment System**

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

It is the philosophy of the RSU #16 School Board that testing and assessments are essential to the teaching/learning process.

### **POLICY:**

Assessment shall be performed to provide information on student placement, abilities, achievements, and educational needs.

Testing shall be designed as integral parts of the school unit's needs, assessment and evaluation programs. Tests shall be utilized primarily for furnishing needed information to decision makers, including the RSU #16 School Board, administrators, teachers, parents and students. The needs of these various users shall be clearly identified, and the testing program shall be limited to obtaining that information which is necessary and useful.

There shall be broad-based involvement in the development of testing programs. Concerted effort shall be made to see that testing contributes to the learning process rather than detracts from it. Efforts shall be made to select culture-free/culture-fair tests to attain greatest accuracy. Learning goals and objectives shall provide the guidelines for determining tests to be utilized.

The school unit shall participate in the statewide Maine Educational Assessment program as required by Maine law and applicable rules of the Commissioner of Education.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy, which will identify the standardized evaluation instruments and the procedures to be used.

### **AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:**

Testing and assessments may include norm-referenced testings, State and federally mandated testing and criterion-referenced testing. The implementation of each category of testing shall take place in accordance with standards-based learning protocols developed by each school or provided by the State or Federal agencies.

### **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:**

The RSU #16 School Board delegates authority to carry out the policy to the Superintendent of Schools who may delegate to the administrative team.

### **EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY:**

Exceptions will be made in accordance with local, State and Federal guidelines and regulations.

### **REPORTS:**

Data collected in accordance with the local, State, Federal testing programs will be kept in files in the schools.

### **LEGAL REFERENCES:**

20-A MRSA § 6201

CH. 125.15, B (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)

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