

Academic Prevention/Intervention Policy

In accordance with Section 3313.6012 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the School adopts this Academic Prevention/Intervention Policy in order to address prevention and intervention services within the School.

ASSESSMENTS

The School shall assess student achievement and needs in all program areas in compliance with State law, the rules adopted by the State Board of Education and the Community School Contract. The purpose of such assessments will be to determine the progress of students and to assist in attaining student performance objectives and educational achievement goals of the School.

STATE-REQUIRED TESTS

The School shall administer all State-mandated tests to students at the times designated by the State Board of Education. “Achievement tests” for purpose of this Policy are defined as those aligned with the Ohio academic content standards and model curriculum, designed to measure a student’s level of skill in a specific subject area that is expected at the end of a designated grade and/or is required as part of the Ohio graduation requirement.

“Diagnostic assessments” for purposes of this Policy are defined as those aligned with Ohio academic content standards and model curriculum, designed to measure student comprehension of academic content and mastery of related skills for a relevant subject area at each grade level. The School will administer diagnostic assessments pursuant to Section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code.

All statewide tests shall be administered in accordance with Rules 3301-13-01 and according to procedures outlined in 3301-13-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

In addition to achievement tests and diagnostic assessments, staff members will assess the academic achievement and learning needs of each student. Procedures for such assessments may include, but are not limited to, teacher observation techniques, cumulative student records, and/or student performance data collected through standard testing programs.

Any student receiving special education services may be excused from taking any particular test required if the individualized education program (“IEP”) developed for the student excuses the student from taking that test and instead specifies that an alternative assessment method be used. The Alternative Assessment for a Student with Disability (“AASWD”) is approved by the Department of Education to evaluate the performance of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom regular assessments, even with accommodations, are not appropriate. In general, the IEP shall not excuse the student from taking a test unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the

student to take the test. In that case, the school shall use AASWD to test students needing an alternate form of assessment.

The School shall not use any student's failure to attain a specified score on any State-mandated test as a factor in any decision to deny the student promotion to a higher grade level, except as provided by law.

INTERVENTION SERVICES

In accordance with this Policy, the School shall provide prevention/intervention services in pertinent subject areas to students who score below the proficient level on a reading, writing, mathematics, social studies or science achievement test and/or who do not demonstrate academic performance at their grade level based on the results of a diagnostic assessment. Intervention services will be commensurate with the student's test performance in each such test area including prevention, intervention, or remediation. Such prevention, intervention or remediation programs may include, but is not limited to, remedial program content, one-on-one teacher/student interaction, computer-assisted remedial course material, student-specific tutoring intervention and/or small group interaction.

During the school year following the year in which the tests prescribed by R.C. 3301.0710(A)(1) are administered to any student, the School shall provide appropriate intervention services, commensurate with the student's test performance, including any intensive prevention, intervention, or remediation required under R.C. 3301.0711, 3301.0715, 3313.608 or R.C. 3313.6012, in any skill in which the student failed to demonstrate at least a score of proficient level on an achievement test.

For each student required to be offered intervention services, the School may involve the student's parent or guardian and classroom teacher in developing the intervention strategy, and shall offer to the parent or guardian the opportunity to be involved in the intervention services.

THIRD GRADE READING GUARANTEE

If applicable to the grade levels served by the School, the School shall administer the required achievement tests, perform remediation and retain students as set forth in the School's Third Grade Reading Guarantee Policy.

PROCEDURES FOR THE REGULAR COLLECTION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA

The School shall develop procedures for the regular collection of student performance data; a plan for the design of classroom-based intervention services to meet the instructional needs of individual students as determined by the results of diagnostic assessments; and procedures for using student performance data to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention services and, if necessary, to modify such services.

The School shall keep records for each student including the following:

- A. A unique State student identification code or a student data verification code as required in accordance with R.C. 3301.0714(D)(2);
- B. A list or designation of which tests are required and which tests are not required;
- C. A list or designation of which tests, required or not required, are taken and which are not taken at each test administration period;
- D. Score for each test taken;
- E. Whether each student attained the requisite performance standard designated for each required test;
- F. What if any tests must still be taken;
- G. Whether or not intervention must be provided; and
- H. For each test required for graduation, the date passed must be recorded on the student's transcript. No information shall be on the student's transcript for a test not passed. When a student who has taken State-mandated tests in one (1) school leaves that school to enroll in another school, the school previously attended shall provide, immediately upon request by a school official from the enrolling school, all applicable records set forth above.

PROCEDURES FOR USING STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERVENTION SERVICES AND, IF NECESSARY, TO MODIFY SUCH SERVICES.

The School shall utilize diagnostic and performance assessments that are nationally-normed and aligned with State-standards to measure student performance data. Data will be collected to determine student performance in reading, math, language arts and life sciences and the effectiveness of intervention services.

The student performance will be measured after each diagnostic and performance assessments and compared with previous assessments to determine gains in each relevant subject category. Intervention and remediation programs may include by way of illustration, one-on-one tutoring, computer-assisted remedial curriculum, small group intervention and/or one-on-one student/teacher interaction will be employed. Subsequent diagnostic and performance assessments will be employed after implementation of intervention and remediation programs to determine efficacy and effectiveness of such programs.

This policy shall be reviewed annually.