

## Policy 733: Testing Programs

~~Harrisonburg City Schools shall comply with the requirements of the Virginia Assessment Program, to include all Standards of Learning assessments, annual language proficiency assessments of English Learners, and assessments used for identifying students for gifted or special education.~~

~~The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, has the right to refuse to have the student participate in any state standardized assessments. In the event that right is exercised by a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, then the individual making the request should be informed of the consequences of their request and the impact their decision may have on the individual student.~~

A program of standardized testing prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education is administered annually. Standardized tests are administered according to state and local directives. Teachers, parents/guardians, principals, and other school leaders are provided with their students' results on any Standards of Learning assessment or Virginia Alternative Assessment Program as soon as practicable after the assessment is administered.

In administering tests or other assessment instruments, School Board employees do not require any public school students being tested to disclose their race or ethnicity on such tests. School division personnel, however, may obtain such information from a student's permanent record and place the information on the test or assessment.

No student nor parent/guardian is required to disclose information related to the student's race or ethnicity unless (i) the student or ~~his~~ parent/guardian is given an option to designate "other" for the student's race or ethnicity or (ii) such disclosure is required by federal law.

In compliance with the Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia, the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, shall be informed and/or provide consent before individual assessments are administered or assessment results are exchanged with public or private agencies for the purposes of determining eligibility for or providing special education services.

~~The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, shall be provided with the opportunity to review the student's performance on any assessment.~~

~~Timely written notification is provided to the parents of any student who (i) undergoes literacy or intervention screening and services or (ii) does not meet the benchmark on any assessment used to determine at-risk learners. Notification shall include all such assessment scores and subscores and any intervention plan that results from such assessment scores or subscores.~~

### *Legal References:*

- Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-4.2, ~~22.1-78~~, 22.1-253.13:3(E), ~~13:1, 13:2, 13:4~~

- ~~Regulations for the Virginia Board of Education, Revised 1993, Accreditation Standards, VR 270-01-0012, Part VI, (6.3(4))~~
- Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia

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