

Policy

STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with teaching staff, shall develop criteria for evaluation, indicators of achievement of the criteria, and acceptable standards of achievement for all grade levels, courses and programs offered by the district. The criteria, indicators and standards must be related to district goals and objectives. Parents/guardians shall be informed in a timely manner whenever their child appears in danger of failing to meet required proficiency levels. Parents/guardians shall be strongly encouraged to participate in designing remedial plans for their children.

These standards of proficiency shall include but not be limited to the Core Curriculum Content Standards identified by the State Department of Education and shall form the basis for the district's grading system. The specific indicators of achievement and standards of proficiency developed for all courses and programs accepted for credit toward high school graduation shall be given to pupils and parents/guardians, in writing, at the time the pupil registers for the course.

By the date required by law, the Superintendent of Schools shall annually report to the board and the community at a regularly scheduled meeting an evaluation of pupil achievement toward meeting district and school goals and objectives.

Low pupil achievement shall be regarded by the board as an indication that revisions are needed in educational programming, general strategy, staff resource use, staff evaluation, and/or other aspects of the learning program.

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Key Words

Proficiencies, Standards of Proficiency

<u>Legal References:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-2	Boards of education; establishment of standards
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7E-2 through -5	School report card program
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-4	Periodic review of core curriculum content standard by state board; establishment of thoroughness and efficiency standards and cost per pupil
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7F-29	Academic achievement reward program
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.9	Pupil promotion and remediation; policies and procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Standards and Assessment
<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-1.1, -1.3,-2.1, -4.1, -4.4, -5.1	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10A-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	<i>Improving Standard-Driven Instruction and Literacy and Increasing Efficiency In Abbott School Districts</i>

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<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-4.11	Statewide assessment
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Bilingual Education
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:15-1.11	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-8.3	Commissioner to ensure achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-2.1	Definitions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Annual Reporting and Planning Requirement
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-13.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Behavior
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1 <u>et seq.</u>	State and Federally Mandated Programs and Services

Abbott v. Burke, 149 N.J. 145 (1997) (Abbott IV)

Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480 (1998) (Abbott V)

Abbott v. Burke, 163 N.J. 95 (2000) (Abbott VI)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

Possible

Cross References:

*1120	Board of education meetings
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5120	Assessment of individual needs
*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
*5125	Pupil records
6000	Concepts and roles in instruction
*6010	Goals and objectives
*6140	Curriculum adoption
*6141	Curriculum design/development
*6146	Graduation requirements
*6146.2	Promotion/retention
*6171.1	Remedial instruction
*6171.3	At-risk and Title 1
*6300	Evaluation of the instructional program

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.