

## **ASSESSMENT POLICY**

### **I. Policy Statement**

District employees, parents and other stakeholders in public education all have the obligation and duty to ensure that our students meet the expectations and proficiency standards as measured by current and future Federal, State and local assessments. Our students must and will be adequately prepared to compete and excel in secondary and higher education settings requiring college and career ready knowledge emphasizing content mastery as well as its application.

### **II. Philosophy**

The North Kingstown School Committee believes that the Comprehensive Assessment System (CAS) represents rigorous statewide standards and associated cumulative progress indicators, which establish the basis for local curricula and instruction for all students, and a statewide assessment system. The standards require an alignment of curricula for all students, along with accompanying indicators which serve as the basis for state or local assessment deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education and the Department of Education.

### **III. Legal Authority**

Title I of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that each school district receiving federal funding is required to use the state academic assessment to determine whether the school is making adequate yearly progress. School districts are required to attain a minimum student participation rate of 95 percent in the statewide assessment program.

The Rhode Island General Assembly empowers and requires the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) to implement a state assessment program including performance standards and assessments of student performance. The Rhode Island General Assembly mandates that school committees develop educational policies to meet the needs of the community, to provide for and assure the implementation of federal and state laws and regulations, and to establish policies governing curriculum and courses of instruction. The Rhode Island General Assembly requires superintendents of schools to implement policies established by school committees and to comply with provisions of federal and state law. The North Kingstown School District must implement and align curricula to such standards, and ensure that all students learn and are assessed as required by state and federal law.

### **IV. District's Adoption of the Comprehensive Assessment System**

The North Kingstown School Committee hereby adopts the Comprehensive Assessment System. Students are hereby required to participate in all such required or designated assessments.

**V. District Protocol**

Consistent with applicable state law, rules and guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Education, the Superintendent shall provide for alignment or appropriate curricula to the Comprehensive Assessment System, and ensure that all students are assessed by the statewide assessment program.

**VI. Evaluation and Review**

This policy shall be reviewed and updated on a regular basis and shall be automatically revised to conform to amendments and changes in applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

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