

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES
Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

School and Diocesan-Wide Assessments

The Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) includes a component on student performance and the results of the school improvement projects. Multiple assessment measures will need to be utilized to not only demonstrate student performance but also to assist in annual and long-range goal setting.

Accordingly, the Iowa Assessments in grades 3-8 and in grade 11 will be utilized. These tests are to be administered annually in all curriculum areas offered. The Math Computation section is optional. Also, the testing of grades other than 3-8 and 11 using Iowa Assessments is not recommended, but it is a local option.

The testing of students for Cognitive Abilities or some similar test is a local option with the caveat that these are not IQ tests and the results depend, to a certain extent, on one's reading skills.

Testing results are to be analyzed for use in future planning. Also, individual test results should be shared with the students and their parents in a confidential and explanatory manner. (IAC 281.12.8(1f))

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