

**DIOCESE OF DES MOINES**  
**Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Standardized Test & Assessment Accountability**

The results obtained from standardized tests and assessments provide valuable information for curricular and instructional decisions for individual students, specific grades as well as the entire school.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Board that all schools be committed to ensuring the integrity of the use and results of standardized educational tests and assessments.

The schools should determine who is to have access to group and individual scores. Relevant individual student results are to be shared with the student's parents so they are informed about their child's standardized assessment results and understand that the assessment results are only one indicator of academic achievement.

If a violation of this policy occurs, as determined by the local Test Coordinator and/or the Principal, the Superintendent of Schools shall determine whether the integrity of the testing and assessment program has been jeopardized, whether some or all of the test or assessment results are invalidated, and whether a teacher or administrator has violated the Code of Ethics of the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners as found in 282 IAC Chapter 25.

If a staff member is found to have committed testing irregularities, the staff member shall be disciplined in accordance with the law. If the staff member is a licensee of the Board of Educational Examiners, the Superintendent shall make a timely report to the Board of Educational Examiners.

If the Superintendent of Schools believes the test or assessment results are invalid, the Superintendent shall make a timely report to the Iowa Department of Education.

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