

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** Policy 609

**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, AND RESEARCH

### TEST ADMINISTRATION AND DATA REPORTING

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish fair and consistent guidelines to ensure that the test administration of federal- and state-mandated assessments as well as the College Board PSAT and AP examinations are secure, valid, and reliable. To institute a guiding principle that will promote the highest standard of testing integrity and ethics by educators and students. To ensure that the standardization, fairness, and equity in testing and accurate reporting of test data in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) are followed as outlined in the *Code of Maryland Regulations* (COMAR).

#### B. ISSUE

The Board of Education recognizes that federal- and state-mandated assessments and College Board examinations are an important part of the educational process. The results are used, along with other data sources, in evaluating the progress of students and schools in accomplishing learning outcomes. The results also provide data that can be used for the improvement of classroom instruction and curricular programs. In addition, some of the state-mandated tests are required for graduation.

#### C. POSITION

AACPS is committed to administering and reporting the results of federal- and state-mandated assessments and College Board examinations in a standardized manner in order to assure accuracy, fairness, and the integrity of student-level, school-level, and county-level results.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and publish regulations to implement this policy.

**Policy History:** Adopted on 9/1/10.

**Note previous policy history:** Replaces Policy 604.01, adopted 6/17/81 and revised 1/17/90.