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Effective evaluation of student achievement is essential to the instructional process, the certification of student progress towards meeting the content standards of the system of Learning Results, the tracking of progress toward individual and district learning goals, and communication between schools and parents.

Evaluation of student achievement provides staff with information important to assessing students' individual educational needs, providing appropriate instruction, and identifying learning problems and areas in which remediation is required. Sharing of information among parents, staff and students is an integral part of the evaluation process.

Consistent with its local assessment system, **MSAD #35** will use multiple assessments, both informal and formal, at the classroom, school, and district levels to evaluate each student's achievement and to monitor his/her progress toward meeting proficiency in the content standards and the *Guiding Principles* of the Learning Results. Assessments over the course of each school year shall include formats that allow students to demonstrate in different ways what they know and are able to do. Students should have multiple and varied opportunities to practice, apply, and demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Individual classroom assessments may include but are not limited to student tests, quizzes, reports, demonstrations, presentations, artifacts, laboratory work, writing samples, teacher observations, portfolio constructions, and student self-assessments.

School and district assessments may include "common assessments" designed to provide consistent evaluation and reporting of student knowledge and skills in the same content areas across same-grade classrooms within the school and same-grade classrooms and grade spans within the district.

Large-scale assessments will include those required for the purpose of determining whether the school has achieved "annual measurable objectives" for federal reporting purposes, and may include other nationally normed standardized achievement tests.

COMMUNICATING INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Teachers should provide students and parents with timely information concerning student performance and, if applicable, the need for the student to participate in remediation and/or

additional instruction.

Parents shall be informed at regular intervals of their child's academic progress through report cards or other written means.

In the event a student is having academic struggles, the student's school will provide timely and periodic written notification throughout the school year to students and parents regarding their child's academic progress and remediation opportunities.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 6209

Ch. 127 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rule)

Cross Reference: ADF – School District Commitment to Learning Results

IKE – Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students

IKF – Graduation Requirements

ILA – Student Assessment

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