

**TESTING PROGRAMS**

The Augusta School Department will employ standardized testing as one of multiple methods for measuring student achievement and for gathering information to use in improving the instructional program for the school unit and individual students.

Large-scale assessments will include the MEA (Maine Education Assessment for grades 3-8 and 11th) and /or such other tests as may be mandated by the State, and such assessments as may be required for the purpose of determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

The schools may also administer other nationally normed standardized achievement tests, aptitude/vocational aptitude tests, Advanced Placement (AP) tests, and such other tests that will benefit students or inform teaching and learning in the District.

Although all assessments of student achievement may be considered in determining student progress toward achievement of the content standards of the Learning Results and Common Core State Standards and for making decisions concerning assignment to grade levels no single test may be the only measure of student achievement.

Schools will inform parents and students of the standardized tests they plan to administer during the school year and the approximate schedule. As the test date approaches, parents and students should be reminded that the test will be given.

Cross Reference: IK – Student Achievement  
ILD –Educational Research: Student Surveys, Analyses and Evaluations

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