INSTRUCTION

Testing Program - General

The Prince William County School Board requires that all Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) adopt guidelines regarding the nature and purpose of assessment; the manner in which assessment is structured; the types of assessment to be used in the school; how, when, and by whom assessment results are to be reported; and how assessment results are to be used to support instructional decisions and the overall improvement of instruction.

All PWCS shall comply with the requirements of the Virginia Assessment Program as prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education. The Prince William County School Board reserves the right to assess any student in public school, so long as that assessment and its associated activities are consistent with current law. Prior to the administration of any component of the Virginia Assessment Program, Divisionwide assessment or standardized assessment, schools shall communicate assessment schedules to parents, guardians, or adult students. In the event a parent, guardian, or adult student refuses a student’s participation in an assessment, the parent, guardian, or adult student making the request shall be informed of the potential consequences and impact that decision may have on the student’s instruction.

All PWCS staff shall avoid administering an excessive number of standardized tests and/or assessments to individual students during a school year, which have not been linked to an explicit purpose and validated instructional and/or accountability decision.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this policy in 2016.

Legal Reference:
Current Virginia Testing Program

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