INSTRUCTION

Testing

I. Prince William County Public Schools shall comply with the requirements of the Virginia Assessment Program, to include all Standards of Learning assessments and annual language proficiency assessment of English Language Learners and deploy best practices for assessments required by the School Division, including those used for helping to identify students for gifted or special education.

II. The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, shall be informed and/or provide consent in accordance with current law before individual assessments are administered or assessment results are exchanged with public or private agencies for the purposes of determining eligibility for or providing special education services in accordance with the Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia.

III. Assessments shall be:

A. Selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial or cultural basis;
B. Administered in the format most likely to yield accurate information;
C. Used for the purposes for which they are designed; and
D. Administered by trained and knowledgeable personnel in accordance with the instructions provided by the producer of the assessment.

IV. The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, shall be provided with the opportunity to review the student’s performance on any assessment with a trained, knowledgeable staff that is qualified to provide appropriate interpretations of that student’s performance.

V. The parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, has the right to refuse to have the student participate in any assessment, evaluation, or testing. In the event that right is exercised by a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student, or an adult student, then the individual making the request should be informed of the consequences of their request and the impact their decision may have on the individual student.

The Deputy Superintendent (or designee) is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

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