

LOCAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The Wells-Ogunquit Community School District School Committee hereby adopts a local assessment system intended to meet the standards specified in Maine law and Department of Education regulations. A dynamic instructional program requires ongoing alteration of the curriculum. The purpose of the local assessment system is to measure student progress and certify student achievement of the content standards of the system of Learning Results. The local assessment system shall also be utilized to measure the progress of schools and the District as a whole in meeting the content standards and to provide information that enhances the teaching and learning process.

The local assessment system provides multiple measures of student performance for each content area of the system of learning results. Such measures include teacher-made tests, student portfolios, performances and demonstrations, as well as state and commercially produced tests. Students in grades 4, 8, and 11 also participate in the Maine Educational Assessment tests (MEA) as one component of the local assessment system.

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that procedures are implemented in each school to inform parents of their child's progress in meeting the content standards of the Learning Results as determined by the local assessment system.

The local assessment system shall be utilized in making grade-level placement decisions for students and, beginning with the 2007/2008 school year, students shall also be required to meet applicable content standards to receive a high school diploma.

The School Committee shall annually review and publish school and District-wide results on the local assessment system and, if necessary, revise the District's Comprehensive Educational Plan. Comprehensive data regarding the District and student performance is also available through the Maine Department of Education School Profiles web site at <http://www.state.me.us/education/profiles/profilehome.htm>.

Cross References: IKE – Promotion and Retention of Students
 IKF – Graduation Requirements

Legal References: 20-M.R.S.A. § 6202-A
 Chapters 125, 127 and 131 (Maine Department of Education Rules)
 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and (3)