

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Testing is part of the educational process. Test scores can give students, parents, teachers, administrators and community members information about the educational process and individual student achievement.

Standardized achievement tests provide a uniform procedure for obtaining information relative to a variety of instructional goals such as those found in school improvement plans or the standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. As such they permit comparison among pupils and groups not readily afforded by other means of assessment such as teacher observation, unit tests, quizzes, class projects or student portfolios.

We recognize that standardized testing is only one criterion for evaluating a school's total educational program.

In the Wareham School District, standardized tests will be used to:

- determine the point at which instruction should begin;
- keep track over time of the relative academic achievement of students and to consider learning needs accordingly;
- identify what an individual has learned and which skills need re-teaching;
- establish when a pupil needs special attention in the form of an accelerated program or remedial measure;
- generate curricular information that will suggest what is working and therefore should be continued, what should be changed, and what needs fine tuning.

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