

Juried Assessments

The Board recognizes that some students may be able to demonstrate mastery of statewide required content standards through different means than the standard state assessment format. Accordingly, to ensure that all students are provided an equal chance to earn a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM), the district shall develop a process for reviewing information and pursuing requests from students in grades 9 through 12 who may request an exception to the statewide CIM benchmark assessment procedures through a “juried” assessment or alternative evaluation of student performance conducted by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

A student or his/her parent may request an exception when the student has mastered the standards for one or more content areas of the CIM but is unable to demonstrate mastery through related statewide assessments. All requests will be submitted to the building principal who shall ensure that the merits of each case are reviewed and appropriate recommendations are made prior to submission by the district, on behalf of the student, of material to be evaluated by the ODE.

The district will adhere to ODE-suggested procedures for reviewing requests and the process to be followed when submitting material to the ODE for evaluation or develop comparable district procedures.

A request for a juried assessment to the ODE shall include:

1. A body of student work that demonstrates the student’s mastery of the content and performance standards;
2. Two individual teacher evaluations of the student work that confirm that the work demonstrates mastery;
3. A letter from the superintendent or designee to the ODE requesting an impartial review panel to consider the request.

The costs for the review panel, with the exception of ODE staff, shall be the responsibility of the district.

If the request is denied, the parent and student may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, whose decision will be final. A request accepted as meeting state content and performance standards through the juried assessment process will be applied by the district towards the student’s individual CIM requirements.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 326.051
ORS 329.075
ORS 329.465
ORS 329.485

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