



Assessment Program**

The public charter school assessment program shall be designed for the purpose of determining public charter school program improvement and individual student needs including the requirements of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Each year the public charter school shall determine each student's progress toward achieving federal, state and local achievement requirements.

Assessments shall be used to measure the academic content standards and Essential Skills and to identify students who meet or exceed the performance standards and Essential Skills adopted by the State Board of Education.

Accordingly, the public charter school shall maintain the following assessment program:

1. Criterion-reference assessments, including performance-based assessments, content-based assessments and other valid methods as may be required by state and federal requirements;
2. Assessment of Essential Skills;
3. Individual diagnostic and ability evaluations in all grades when students have been referred and parental permission obtained;
4. Assessments by individual teachers;
5. Optional public charter school and grade levelwide assessments, as recommended by the executive director and as approved by the Board.

It is the intent of the Board that progress be measured in a manner that clearly enables the student and parents to know whether the student is making progress toward meeting or exceeding academic content standards and Essential Skills. School and individual results shall be reported to the Board, parents and the community, as prescribed by law.

The public charter school shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for assessment, evaluating and counseling students on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or marital status. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures. Staff will receive in-service education in the use of designated assessments and interpretation of assessment results.

A student may opt-out of the Smarter Balanced and/or alternate Oregon Extended Assessments in English language arts and mathematics as provided in state law. The public charter school shall provide the required notice and necessary forms to the student. The public charter school shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment. A student may be excused

from the Oregon Statewide Assessment Program for disability or religious reasons. Parents and adult students will be provided the required notices¹ that include a time frame in which statewide assessments will take place, and an adult student’s or parent’s right to request an exemption from taking the statewide summative assessments.

The public charter school shall establish conduct and discipline consequences for student-initiated test impropriety. “Student-initiated test impropriety” means student conduct that is inconsistent with the *Test Administration Manual* or accompanying guidance; or results in a score that is invalid.

The executive director shall ensure a periodic review and evaluation of the public charter school’s assessment program is conducted.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 40.245	ORS 338.115 (2)	OAR 581-022-1210
ORS 326.565		OAR 581-022-1510
ORS 326.575	OAR 581-021-0030	OAR 581-022-1670
ORS 329.485	OAR 581-022-0606	
ORS 336.187	OAR 581-022-0610	HB 2655 (2015)
ORS 659.870	OAR 581-022-1140	

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2011); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2011).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1427 (2006).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6311-6322 (2006).

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver; July 23, 2015.

¹Public charter schools are required to provide notice twice each year: once at the beginning of the year; and second time at least 30 days prior to the administration of the test. The 30-day notice must first be provided during the 2015-2016 school year. The beginning of the year notice must first be provided during the 2016-2017 school year.