

## **TESTING**

The Mansfield School District will establish and maintain a standardized basic testing program which can be used, communicated and interpreted by school and by district.

The program will lend itself to:

1. An assessment of the educational program of the district for purposes of reporting the overall status of the district and charting the progress of students, grades, schools and areas from year to year.
2. Appropriate annual reports to the School Committee.
3. Interpretation and use by the teachers, counselors and administrators so that the test findings will influence educational services provided to individual students, and the development of high quality curriculum.

The program will reflect the academic progress of students according to their own abilities and to local and national norms; minimize the workload of school personnel in terms of test administration, scoring, interpretation, and use; be adequate and financially feasible; require reasonable training for involved school personnel; and assess the progress of students in the basic skills and subjects in the elementary and secondary grades. The staff will take all possible precautions to minimize the biases of the tests.

The annual schedule and interpretations of the purposes of the tests will be adequately publicized for benefit of parent/guardians and other interested persons.

The district testing program shall embody those tests required by Commonwealth law.