POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: Policy II, Regulation II-RA, Regulation IIH-RA
Responsible Office: DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION/OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE/DIVISION OF ADVANCED STUDIES AND PROGRAMS/INSTRUCTIONAL DATA DIVISION

QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS

A.   PURPOSE

To establish the administration of quarterly assessments to improve student learning.

B.   ISSUE

The primary purpose of assessments is to support and improve student learning. Quarterly assessments engage students in applying essential and enduring skills and concepts over a defined period of time. They should be used as instructional tools and are designed to enable teachers to determine the extent to which course standards are being met while providing meaningful feedback to students, parent(s)/guardian(s), and teachers.

C.   POSITION

1.   Assessments shall be designed so that teachers will be able to determine the extent to which the course standards were met over a defined period of time. Quarterly assessments shall be administered in identified grades and subjects in elementary and middle school at various intervals throughout the school year. Unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee a quarterly assessment shall be given in high school courses, at the conclusion of each marking period.

2.   The Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that FARMs eligible students are not denied the opportunity to take an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) examination solely due to an inability to pay for the AP or IB examination. Taking either exam provides the student with the option of waiving the quarterly assessment requirement for the fourth marking, as set forth in this Policy's accompanying Regulation IIH-RA. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish procedures for students, or their parent(s)/guardian(s) to seek a waiver of examination fees.

D.   IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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Note previous policy history: *Rescinds Policy IIA*