HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS TITLE: ASSESSMENTS ADOPTED: March 9, 2015 REVISED:

127. ASSESSMENTS
The Board recognizes its responsibility to develop and implement an assessment plan that will determine the degree to which students are achieving academic standards and provide information for improving the educational program to positively impact student achievement.
The Board shall approve an assessment plan for use in district schools that is aligned with the adopted academic standards and state assessments.
The Board reserves the right to review district assessment measures and to approve those that serve a legitimate purpose without infringing upon the personal rights of the students or parents/guardians.
The Board shall grant requests by parents/guardians to review the state assessments two (2) weeks prior to their administration, during regular district office hours. The district shall ensure the security of the assessment documents.
The Board shall grant parents/guardians the right to have their child excused from state assessments that conflict with their religious beliefs, upon receipt of a written request to the Superintendent.
The Superintendent or designee shall recommend methods of assessment and evaluation based on his/her professional judgment, generally accepted professional practice, and staff input. Elements appropriate to such evaluation may include:
1. State assessment measures.
2. Nationally standardized testing.
3. Outside consultant or agency evaluation.

	4. A cyclical program of curriculum study.
	5. Strategic planning.
	6. Regular studies of student achievement and attendance records.
	7. Community, parental, and alumni surveys.
Pol. 919	The Superintendent or designee shall annually disseminate to parents/guardians and the public information regarding student assessment results, as required by federal and state law and regulations.
	The Superintendent shall recommend improvements in the educational program, curriculum and instructional practices based upon student assessment results.
4. Guidelines 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311	Parents/Guardians shall receive information regarding their child's state assessment scores and may obtain an explanation of assessment results from qualified school personnel.
Title 22 Sec. 4.52, 12.41	The district shall provide assistance to students not attaining academic standards at the proficient level. The district shall inform students and parents/guardians about how to access such assistance.
	References:
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.13, 4.51, 4.52, 12.41, 403.1, 403.3
	No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311
	Board Policy – 100, 919