

6.30.020-P Special Education Students and CIM Assessment Results

I. General

- (1) The award of a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM) is governed by Oregon law (ORS chapters 329 et seq). Under Oregon law, the Oregon State Board of Education (State Board) is directed to prescribe the standards and requirements that a student must meet to obtain a CIM. The State Board has developed tenth grade performance standards that students must demonstrate to obtain a CIM. In addition, the State Board has developed other performance standards at grades 3, 5 and 8 that must be met in order to meet the benchmarks at those grades. A CIM assessment system is used to determine whether a student has met those standards. The State Board has defined the CIM assessment system to include: (1) multiple choice tests, (2) on-demand performance tests, and (3) a collection of work samples. Students are provided multiple opportunities to earn a CIM up to the time of graduation from high school.
- (2) The Portland School District is obligated to comply with the State Board's mandates relating to the CIM standards and assessment procedures. The State Board has delegated discretionary authority to the district only with respect to the manner in which the district uses the CIM assessment results and the CIM itself.
- (3) In this policy the term "students with disabilities" refers to students who are eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

II. Use of the CIM and Benchmarks Leading to a CIM, and CIM Assessment Results

- (1) No student with a disability, who otherwise satisfies criteria for receipt of educational benefits, should be denied an opportunity to receive any such benefits because of the student's disability. From the date this policy is adopted by the district's Board of Education until the State Board provides the district with legal mandates relating to the CIM assessment procedures, it is the policy of the district, with respect to students with disabilities, not to use the results or the absence thereof of those students' multiple choice and on-demand performance tests of the CIM assessment system as the determinant of whether or not the student:
 - (a) Shall repeat a year of school (see 4.20.010-P Student Promotion/Non Promotion);
 - (b) Shall attend summer school;
 - (c) May participate in an accelerated academic class or any other class (see 6.10.060-P Testing Programs);

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- (d) May participate in an honors program (see 6.10.060-P Testing Programs); or
- (e) Shall receive a regular or modified diploma (see 4.20.040-P Graduation).

III. Disclosure of CIM Assessment Results

- (1) Some parents of students with disabilities may prefer that their children's CIM assessment results not be reported to them. To accommodate this, the district will report CIM assessment results to parents in sealed envelopes addressed to parents and plainly identified as containing individual student CIM assessment results. Parents who prefer to discard the envelopes unopened may do so.

Legal References: ORS Chapter 329 et seq.; Individuals with Disabilities Act; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

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