

Instruction

Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations

The Brookfield Board of Education recognizes the value of systematic and ongoing assessment of initial skills, knowledge and understanding. The state mandated standardized testing program represents one important component of a balanced approach to student evaluation.

Each student enrolled in the fourth, sixth **and** eighth grades in the Brookfield Public Schools shall annually take the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), which measures mastery of objectives or objective clusters in relation to statewide goal standards in reading, language arts and mathematics. The CMT is provided by and administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

Each student enrolled in the tenth grade in Brookfield High School shall annually take the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), which measures mastery of additional skills related to the requirements for high school graduates. A student who has not met the mastery goal level on each component of the CAPT may annually take or retake each such component at its regular administration until the student scores at or above each goal level or until the student graduates or turns twenty one (21).

Special education students shall participate in mastery testing except in the rare case when their PPT determines that participation would be inappropriate and recommends the use of an alternative assessment as specified by the State Board of Education.

Any student enrolled for ten months or less in a bilingual program or in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program is exempt from the CMT and CAPT.

The school district shall biennially report to the State Board of Education indicators of (a) instructional improvement and (b) student progress as a result of testing, remedial assistance and compensatory programs in accordance with C.G.S. 10-14m et seq.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-14m Development and submission of educational evaluation and remedial assistance plan. Contents of plan
- 10-14n (An Act Concerning Statewide Mastery Testing)
- 10-14o Compensatory education grant
- 10-14p Reports by local and regional boards re instructional improvement and student progress. Assessment by state board.
- 10-14q Exceptions (As amended by PA 01-25)

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