

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA**

**Series 300 INSTRUCTION**

**Code: 346.3**

TESTING OF LIMITED-ENGLISH SPEAKING STUDENTS, STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The School District of Waupaca is required under s. PI 8.01 (2) (s), Wis. Admin. Code, to administer achievement tests to its students.

The School District of Waupaca supports the right of students with Disabilities under Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Limited-English Speaking (LES) students to be provided the same access to educational services and programs as are provided to all students. Students with disabilities and LES students should be given the opportunity to acquire and demonstrate their competence. Whenever possible, then, students with disabilities and LES students should be included in the testing.

LES students and students with disabilities who participate with their peers in the testing receive a number of benefits. First, they are allowed to demonstrate their competence in the areas tested. Second, they are able to see themselves as part of a larger class program, are integrated into the class, and not stigmatized by being excluded.

These potential benefits must be balanced with the considerations of potential harmful effects for some LES students and students with disabilities. If the test will only demonstrate a student's failures and will be frustrating and damaging to the student's self-esteem, the testing may not be appropriate.

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**LEGAL REFERENCE:** PI 8.01(2)(s)

**CONTRACT REFERENCE:**

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

The School District of Waupaca does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.