

**Student Assessment and Evaluation****Policy No. 304.1****Rationale*****Mandate for the School System–Province of British Columbia–Statement of Education Policy Order***

*The purpose of the British Columbia school system is to enable learners to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to contribute to a healthy society and a prosperous and sustainable economy.*

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Research based pedagogy, including quality assessment and evaluation practices, are fundamental components within the success of BC's public school system. In addition to quality assessments helping to inform parents/guardians and rights holders of student progress, assessment data is key to informing classroom instruction, school and district strategic planning, and providing confidence to the communities whom we serve.

As such, the Board of Education expects that:

1. Students participate in school, district, and provincial assessments as required by School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) and the BC Ministry of Education.
2. The assessment and evaluation of student learning must reflect current research-based practices and adhere to Ministry of Education and school district policies, regulations and procedures.
3. Assessment and evaluation results will be analyzed in regular cycles at the classroom, school and district level with the goal of continuous improvement of teaching and learning practices.
4. Reporting student learning to parents/guardians will adhere to Ministry of Education and district policies, regulations and procedures.
5. All assessment, evaluation and reporting practices will conform with the legal provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act*.