

Resolution 2019-1

Resolution to use the ACT Suite of Assessments in lieu of End-of-Course Exams

WHEREAS, the Millington Municipal Schools District is charged with governing the school system so that all students receive the best educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee, under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-602, requires exams for students who are enrolled in certain high school level courses; and

WHEREAS, standardized testing, by any name, plays a necessary role in education by measuring students' level of academic achievement, and hopefully, encourages all students to reach higher; and

WHEREAS, the way students' academic progress is measured sends powerful messages about what kinds of learning are valued; and

WHEREAS, numerous community members are advocating for a reliable assessment instrument to objectively determine where students are and what they need in order to advance; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education's Third Task Force on student testing and assessment recommended in March, 2018 new steps to reduce the amount of standardized testing; and

WHEREAS, we do not oppose accountability in our schools, and we point with pride to the performance of our students but believe the current high school End-of-Course assessment program influences the loss of quality instructional time; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Millington Municipal Schools District hereby calls on the Tennessee Department of Education to allow school districts to choose the ACT suite of assessments, ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) and/or the Career Readiness Certification (WorkKeys) to better serve the needs of the students of Tennessee in lieu of EOC testing.

This Resolution is adopted as of the 4th day of March, 2019.

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