

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Greenwich, Connecticut

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**Policy E-003 – ACADEMIC MASTERY & WHOLE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT  
– ASSESSMENT STANDARDS**

**Procedure E-003.3 - Statewide Proficiency / Mastery Examinations**

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Each student enrolled in the fourth, sixth, eighth and tenth grades shall take a statewide mastery examination (measuring whether or not a student has mastered essential grade level skills in reading, language arts and mathematics). The mastery examination shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

Students, who meet or exceed the statewide mastery goal on each component of the statewide tenth grade mastery examination, shall have a certification of such mastery made on the permanent record and transcript. A student who has not met the mastery goal level on each component of the mastery examination 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).

The school district may not require achievement of a satisfactory score on the statewide proficiency examination or statewide mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of such examinations as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.

All students receiving special education services must participate in statewide mastery examination under one of the following options:

1. Standard administration of the test
2. Alternate assessment option (the CMT/CAPT developmental checklist)

The decision regarding each student's option for participation in statewide examinations is made at a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting and indicated on the Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

The provisions on mastery testing shall not apply to any student enrolled for **10 months** or less in a bilingual program, or English as a Second Language program.

Connecticut Mastery Test scores will be reported to the Board of Education, schools and parents.

(cf. 5121-Examination/Grading/Rating)  
(cf. 6146- Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6162.3-Testing Program)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-14m Development and submission of educational evaluation and remedial assistance plan.  
10-14n Statewide mastery examination. Conditions for reexamination. Limitation on use of test results.  
10-14o Compensatory education grant. Financial statement of expenditures.  
10-14p Reports by local and regional boards re instructional improvement and student progress.  
PA 01-205 An Act Concerning Mastery Test Exemptions.

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