

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to institute a process for the establishment and revision of assessments to be used to determine how well students have achieved Graduation Standards in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Rules Relating to Graduation Standards, Minnesota Rules Chapter 3501.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

NWSISD will assist its member school districts in their implementation of the Minnesota Graduation Standards. Only those NWSISD programs or activities taught by licensed teachers or advisors will be eligible to be counted towards meeting graduation requirements. NWSISD will establish a procedure, in coordination with staff from its member school districts, to develop and adopt performance assessment methods to be used in measuring student performance in eligible NWSISD programs and activities. NWSISD strives to continually enhance, through training and collegial collaboration, the capacity of its staff to identify required versus honors level performance and to score student performance against exemplars of excellent student achievement of the Graduation Standards.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Results-Oriented Graduation Rule)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.03 (Implementing the Profile of Learning)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0010 - 3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Mathematics and Reading)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0200 - 3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Written Composition)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0300 - 3501.0469 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards - Profile of Learning)  
Minn. Rule Part 3501.0320 (Definitions)  
Minn. Rule Part 3501.0370, subd. 3 and subd. 5 (Assessment and Scoring of Student Achievement)  
Minn. Rule Part 3501.0420 (Implementation Reporting)

**Cross References:** NWSISD Policy 601 (NWSISD Curriculum and Instruction Goals)  
NWSISD Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)  
NWSISD Policy 614 (State and Federal Required Testing)  
NWSISD Policy 615 (Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students)  
NWSISD Policy 616 (NWSISD System Accountability)

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