

Overview

Next recognizes that the State of New Hampshire has a vested interest in conducting standardized assessments of student learning at intervals and within subject areas that it deems necessary and appropriate. When combined with other data, statewide assessment results can prompt further discussion to target the quality of schools and learning within the state. To these ends, Next will comply with the NH Department of Education regulations as they pertain to student eligibility for and participation in statewide assessment.

Procedure

As defined in its charter, Next is a competency-based educational program and therefore does not recognize traditional grade levels. The State of New Hampshire currently uses grade level designation as the means for determining eligibility to participate in statewide assessment. In order to establish compliance, Next will determine student eligibility in the following manner:

1. At the beginning of each academic year in high school, the student and their Cohort Advisor will review their percentage of competency completion toward graduation.
2. Based on the student's earned completion percentage, the Cohort Advisor will report a projected competency completion percentage by the spring of the current school year after discussing the student's goals identified on their Individual Learning Plan.
3. Students will take state assessments while they are members of Cohort 3. Students are in Cohort 3 when they are 50-70% complete. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the director. The Director will submit a projected list of students eligible for the spring statewide assessment to the DOE.
4. Based on ongoing monitoring of student projections, the Director will inform the DOE of any changes to the initial list after April 1st.