

Countryside Academy

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YEAR-END TESTING

In order for students to be academically successful, a mastery of basic skills in mathematics, writing and reading (at the appropriate grade level) is essential. The Board of Directors wishes to ensure that each student's proficiency in the most basic skills is considered before promotion to the next grade. This shall be accomplished by year-end testing as follows:

For grades Young Fives through Eighth, a basic skills test in reading, writing and mathematics shall be given to each student at or near the conclusion of each school year. This test will reflect the minimum achievement level required to enter the next grade. This test will indicate whether or not a student possesses the basic skills needed to advance to the next grade level and is to be used as one of several indicators to determine whether a student is promoted or retained.

A test shall be prepared in the following manner:

A sample test will be written by each teacher in conjunction with a teacher in the next higher grade level. This sample test will be approved by the administrator and will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration at the February regular meeting.

The teacher in the next higher grade level will write a new test based on the sample test. This new test will cover the same concepts as the sample and will be of similar format and length. The actual test will not be proctored by the regular classroom teacher.