## TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM

The Pitt County Board of Education shall establish and maintain an educational testing and accountability program that complies with: (1) federal and state laws and regulations; (2) appropriate administration and scoring guidelines for each instrument; and (3) Board of Education policy.

The purpose of the testing and accountability program is to provide information to assist the system, the schools, the teachers, and others as they make decisions concerning the educational needs of students. The testing and accountability program will provide data that permits the system to measure the performance of the Pitt County students in comparison with national, state, and other systems' norms as well as measure student, school, and system progress in achieving state and local instructional goals.

Results of the testing and accountability program will be released in a timely manner to the Board of Education, administrators of schools, the media, parents, and other agencies who have a vested interest in the data.