

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS

The Laconia School District shall establish and maintain required competencies for each course offered, and associated assessments for each course offered through the high school, by the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

Assessments shall be aligned with clearly defined educational standards that specify what students should know and be able to do. The assessment items and tasks shall be valid and appropriate representations of the standards students are expected to achieve.

For the purpose of assessment of high school course work through the demonstration of student mastery of course competencies, the following definitions are established:

Course Level Competency:	the expected content, concepts, and skills to be mastered in a course.
Competency Assessment:	the process by which a student demonstrates sufficient evidence of learning.
Mastery:	sufficient evidence of attainment of the required competencies.

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