

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject Pupil assessments and high school graduation requirements		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that the governing body of a private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) adopt academic standards, adopt and administer the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination, the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test and the High School Graduation Test, with the same prohibitions against graduation and promotion that are imposed upon school boards and independent charter schools.

Further, under the bill, parents may opt their students out of taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination and the High School Graduation Test. Therefore per administration costs of these tests to MPCP students may be more or less expensive than the estimates printed below.

STATE FISCAL EFFECT:

The department estimates a per administration cost for the assessments as follows:

Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE): \$45,800

Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (Third grade reading test) (WRCT): \$6,700

High School Graduation Test (HSGT): \$26,400

Total Estimated Per Administration Cost: \$78,900

LOCAL FISCAL EFFECT:

There would be no local fiscal effects on local school boards; however, under this bill private schools participating in the MPCP may incur costs associated with providing and training proctors, providing test security, developing standards, and/or accommodating pupils with special needs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications