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## Algebra Readiness Initiative

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### Superintendent's Certification for School Year 2001-2002

**This form needs to be returned to the Department no later than December 7, 2001**

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This division plans to participate in the Algebra Readiness Initiative and will ensure that the following criteria for diagnostic tests are met during the implementation of the Initiative:

Criteria for Diagnostic Tests

- a. Assess the students' knowledge and skills of the Mathematics Standards of Learning for grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.
- b. Address the five reporting categories of the Standards of Learning assessment test, including:
  - 1. Number and Number Sense
  - 2. Computation and Estimation
  - 3. Measurement and Geometry
  - 4. Probability and Statistics
  - 5. Patterns, Functions, and Algebra
- c. Support the following four goals for students that are specified in the Standards of Learning:
  - 1. Becoming Mathematical Problem Solvers
  - 2. Communicating Mathematically
  - 3. Reasoning Mathematically
  - 4. Making Mathematical Connections
- d. Indicate the level of acceptable performance on each reporting category where intervention may be said to be successful.
- e. Meet industry standards for validity and reliability of the items and tests proposed. Such standards should include field testing and proper test form construction.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my division plans to use the state-provided diagnostic tests for the 2001-2002 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my division does not plan to use the state-provided diagnostic tests for the 2001-2002 school year.  
Our locally developed or selected test(s) aligns with criteria similar to the criteria used in the state-provided tests.  
The test(s) that we will use:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Print or Type Name(s) of Test(s)

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Division Superintendent  
(Please Print or Type Name)

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Division Superintendent's Signature

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Date