Oakland students rate high on assessment tests

Besults of the 1978 Michigan assessment tests taken by fourth and seventh graders in October hold some concerns, but few surprises for Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school officials.

"We have no reason to believe we won't be number one again when the state summary (by school distrib." Jack Molloy said last week.
And if Bloomfield Hills is number one, Birmingham won't be far behind, and if Bloomfield Hills in the hills results are any indication. Less than one percentage point has

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For example, 86.5 per cent of Birmingham fourth graders and 85.9 per cent of Bloomfield Hills fourth graders attained the reading objectives on which they were tested.

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In math, 95.4 per cent of Birming-ham fourth graders and 94.7 per cent of Bloomfield Hills fourth graders attained the test objectives.

RESULTS ARE just as close in the seventh grade reading test with 90.5 per cent of Birmingham students and 89.1 per cent of Bloomfield Hills stu-dents attaining the objectives.

in seventh grade math," Garvelink added. "We have to ask our curricu-lum people whether or not they agree with the emphasis of the assessment

But both Molloy and Birmingham Supt. Boger Garvelink are concerned about the seventh grade make the substitute of the su

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"IF THE tests are a valid measure at the level at which they are given, it is clear we have to review our methods and hopefully-bring the results back up."

The test questions are taken from "a whole pool of objectives considered whole pool of objectives that make up the common given of Michigan education," Molloy said. to emphasize math and that is from the district that still expects to be

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the question of the mother who asked, 'What should my child be able to do at the end of first grade,' '' he said.

The state department of education considers a child who passes 75 per cent or more of the objectives has done "acceptably well" on the assessment tests.

The Bloomfield Hills School District sets a standard of 85 per cent achieve-ment and looks critically at all objec-tives in which students fall below that achievement level.

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"The whole advantage of an objective based test is that we can go back and rebuild the curriculum to correct the weaknesses," Baker said.

"In general we are doing well in most areas but we will be particularly interested in reviewing the math cur-riculum leading up to the seventh grade. There seem to be some areas the curriculum committee might need to explore."

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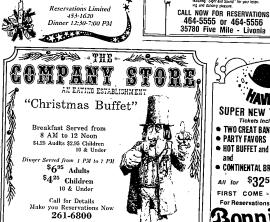
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