

# Provo City School District

## Policy Series 4000 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment



Policy No. 4405

### Assessment: Opting Out of State Testing

The Board recognizes the requirements from the State and Federal Departments of Education for students in Provo City School District to participate in assessments of student performance. The Board desires to work in partnership with families and supports parents' rights to make decisions associated with their children's education.

Utah Code 53G-6-803 (9) identifies that a parent or guardian may opt out of state testing for their students:

- a) *Upon the written request of a student's parent or guardian, an LEA shall excuse the student from taking a test that is administered statewide or the National Assessment of Educational Progress*

The same code also directs that district schools and employees do not suffer any adverse impact as a result of students opting out of state testing:

- b) *The State Board of Education shall ensure through board rule that neither an LEA nor its employees are negatively impacted through school grading or employee evaluation due to a student not taking a test pursuant to Subsection (9)(a).*

The Board directs the superintendent and the executive director of teaching and learning to develop procedures and forms to enable parents or guardians to opt out of state testing on an annual basis. The Board also directs staff to ensure that opting out of state testing provides no negative impact to students, schools, or employees.

Legal References:  
Utah Code 53G-6-803

Synopsis:  
Parental Right to Academic Accommodations

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