



Assessment: Parental Exclusion (Opting Out of State Testing)

To ensure schools and districts report test scores that accurately reflect their student population, the state and district encourage all students to participate in state, standardized testing. At the same time, the district recognizes the rights of parents/legal guardians to determine appropriate educational activities for their children. As a parent/guardian follows the procedures outlined for opting a student out of state testing, the district will honor that request as outlined in state law.

Opt-out Process

Parents who wish to opt their children out of the standardized RISE Summative, ACT, NAEP, or UAA/DLM assessments should communicate with a school administrator annually to obtain, complete, and submit the *Standardized Testing Opt-out Form*. The school administrator will accept the form, confirming the request for non-participation coding on the test.

Opt-out Eligible Tests

The following tests are included under the state's Parental Exclusion directives; consequently, the district will honor parent/guardian requests for students to be excluded from these tests:

- RISE (Readiness, Improvement, Success & Empowerment) Summative Tests
- RISE (Readiness, Improvement, Success & Empowerment) Interim Tests
- RISE (Readiness, Improvement, Success & Empowerment) Benchmark Tests
- Utah Aspire Plus Test
- Acadience Reading Test
- High School Civics Test (while parents may opt students out of this test, by Utah law it is required for high school graduation)
- CTE Skill Certification Tests (while parents may opt students out of this test, by Utah law it is required for CTE certifications)
- ACT (American Collegiate Test)
- NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress)
- UAA/DLM (Utah's Alternative Assessment/Dynamic Learning Maps)
- AAPPL (Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) Tests
- USBE's General Financial Literacy Assessment

Consequences

A student who is excluded from any test will not receive a score for that assessment. Opting out of an assessment will not negatively affect a student's grade, nor will it affect the opportunities students have for participation in a full range of academic programs and services. However, standardized test scores are frequently used to determine placement in

advanced courses/programs and to identify specific instructional needs of and services for students. If a student opts out of testing, a score will not exist to support these decisions. Also, the High School Civics test is required by law for high school graduation and CTE Skills Certification tests are required in order to provide a certificate. Parents/guardians are encouraged to work with school staff to ensure students have assessment data to support student goals. In addition to potential student-specific adverse effects from test exclusion, schools and districts may be negatively affected when multiple students are excluded from testing, as school and district accountability measures would not reflect the performance of the complete studentbody. Such non-participation may impact a district's qualification for, and receipt of, federal funds.

Legal References:

Utah Code 53G-6-803-9

Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-404

Synopsis:

State Testing List for Parental Exclusion

State Testing List for Parental Exclusion

Cross Reference:

Form 4406-F1

Form 4406-F2

Form 4406-F3

Form 4406-F4

Synopsis:

Parental Opt Out Form Elementary

Parental Opt Out Form Elementary (Spanish)

Parental Opt Out Form Secondary

Parental Opt Out Form Secondary (Spanish)

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