

2022-23 State Assessment Refusal Documentation Form

Kelso School District
(Form needs to be completed annually)



Please print the following information:

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

School _____

Student Grade Level _____

As the parent/guardian of the above named student, I am refusing to allow my child to participate in the following assessment(s) this year: *(List all that apply)*

My reason for this decision is: _____

I understand that:

- The state assessments assess critical state standards, including higher-level thinking, communication, reasoning, problem solving, and application of knowledge and skills in new situations. State test results help families and educators know if their student's learning is on track, if extra help is needed, or to determine eligibility for accelerated learning opportunities.
- In high school, assessment results are necessary in order to complete the graduation required High School and Beyond Plan (and if applicable the IEP Transition Plan). In addition, the results from the 10th grade ELA and Math test are used to inform course-taking for the next two years of high school. When a 10th grade student demonstrates they have met standard on the test, they will have greater course-taking flexibility.
- Test refusals penalize schools and districts. Students who do not test are counted among the number of students who do not meet standard. This is reflected in the Accountability Index. Schools and districts that fall below the 95% participation rate on state tests jeopardize eligibility for any state or federal awards or recognitions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

School Representative Name: _____

School Representative Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

The original form is to be filed within the student's cumulative record located at the school. A copy of this form needs to be sent to the district assessment department to keep on file for auditing purposes. The test record should be marked REFUSAL in the online state assessment management system for all relevant tests---noting Student Refusal and/or Parent Refusal where possible.