Assessment Opt-Out Form

Federal and state laws require all districts and schools to test all students in specific grades and courses. These annual assessments inform your student's teacher about instructional next steps and when combined with other student results, inform decisions made at the school, district, state, and national level.

If a student does not participate in these assessments, there may be consequences for the student, their teachers, school, and district. Below are a few consequences to consider:

Third Grade Students
A student who does not take the Grade 3 English Language Arts Ohio State Test may not be promoted to the fourth grade as part of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, unless an exemption applies.

High School Students
A student who does not take the high school end-of-course exams, ACT, or ACT WorkKeys will have fewer opportunities to meet assessment requirements in order to graduate.

English Learners
A student who does not take the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment cannot exit the English Learner program.

The district strongly encourages you to speak with your student's principal regarding this decision. However, as a parent or guardian (or student over 18), you have the right to decline your student's participation in these assessments.

I understand the potential consequences above and am declining my child's participation in this test.

Test Name _____

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature (if over 18) _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

School _____

Date _____

I verify that I have spoken to the student's parent or guardian (or student over 18) by telephone or email and have obtained their permission to opt-out of this assessment. If permission was obtained via email, a copy of the email is included with this form.

Test Name _____

Student Printed Name _____

Staff Printed Name _____

Staff Signature _____

Title _____

School _____

Date _____