

Can I opt out my child from testing?

Yes, a parent and/or guardian has the right to not have their child tested. The case law referring to this can be found by clicking on this link: <http://www.aps.edu/assessment/parents-documents/case-law>.

Is there a form this year for opting out my child from testing?

Yes, there is a standard form this year for opting out of testing.

How do I opt out my child from testing?

Parents/Guardian of the child must turn in an Opt Out form or write a letter with the following information:

1. Date
2. Full name of child (last, first, middle initial)
3. Student ID of child
4. School child attends
5. Grade level of child
6. Assessments in which their child is being opted out
7. Written statement: This letter confirms I have read and/or discussed with an APS representative the possible consequences to my child, my child's teachers and my child's school the decision to opt out of the indicated tests. I understand any school that does not meet 95% participation rate on the PARCC will have their school grade lowered by one letter grade.
8. Parent/guardian signature

Where do I turn in this letter?

Please turn in the Opt Out form or letter, with all the appropriate information, to your child's school administration office.

How do I opt out my child from only certain assessments?

Indicate in your letter only the assessments that you do not want administered to your child. (*See list on back.*)

By what date do I have to opt out my child from testing?

It is preferred that you inform the school of the opt out two weeks before testing; however, there is not a specific date for the letter to be turned in to your child's school.

Are there consequences for opting out my child from testing?

- It may limit your child's exposure to standardized testing.
- It may limit the assessment information available to your child's teachers and school administrators.
- It may jeopardize the school's accountability rating because this rating is based in part on participation rates for testing.

What are the benefits for not opting out my child from testing?

Assessment is a critical component of many things in our lives, including the instructional cycle. Without assessment, how do you know where you are going, what your child needs to reach the target, and how well students learned the content to a standard that is common across the district? The district required assessments are used to ensure equity of instruction across all schools; the data collected is also used to deploy resources and professional development in an equitable way for the benefit of children's learning.

What will my child do while the rest of his/her class is testing?

Your child will be given an appropriate assignment that relates to topics they are studying in school.

Can my child be opted in for testing once I have opted him/her out of testing?

Yes. To opt your child back into testing, write a letter with the following information.

1. Date
2. Full name of child (last, first, middle initial)
3. Student ID of child
4. School child attends
5. Grade level of child
6. Written statement: This letter confirms I am opting my child back into the indicated tests. Lists the assessments in which you are opting in your child.
7. Parent/guardian signature

What assessments are required to be administered to my child? For more information about these assessments, click on the following link: <https://www.aps.edu/assessment/parents-documents/parents-brochure-ms-15-16/>.

End of Course Exam – Science (6th & 7th)
 End of Course Exam – Social Studies (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 End of Course Exam – Family and Consumer Science (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 End of Course Exam – Art (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 End of Course Exam – Keyboarding (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 End of Course Exam – Physical Education (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 End of Course Exam – Music (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 Standards Based Assessment – Science (7th)
 MS Interim Assessment - Math (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 MS Interim Assessment - ELA (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 ACCESS for ELL students
 NMAPA/NCSC for Special Education Students
 PARCC – ELA (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 PARCC – Math (6th, 7th, & 8th)
 Spanish Language Arts (6th, 7th, & 8th)

And how much does each assessment cost the district?

Click on the following link to find out how much each assessment costs our district:

<http://www.aps.edu/assessment/parents-documents/costs-of-tests-per-student/>.