

❖ *Are there consequences if my child does not participate in an assessment?*

- Each assessment serves at least one purpose, including monitoring student progress and measuring teacher effectiveness.
- It will penalize your child's school when calculating the school grade. Each school's grade is based upon student participation in standardized testing. Those schools that do not meet the required percentage of participation are penalized one letter grade.

❖ *What are the benefits for allowing my child to participate in testing?*

It is important if parents want to know how their child is progressing in their learning throughout their years in school. These 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 that provides every student high quality educational opportunities.

❖ *Can I change my mind after I submit the Parental Refusal Form?*

Yes, but each assessment has a limited window to allow for changes. Please discuss the deadlines of the Testing Window with your child's school administrators. To rescind your Parental Refusal Form, please submit a letter to your child's school administration office with the following information:

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| 1. Date   | 5. Grade level of child  |
| 2. Full name of child<br>(last, first, middle<br>initial) | 6. Written statement to confirm<br>your student's participation.   |
| 3. Student ID of child                                    | 7. Lists the assessments in which you<br>are opting in your child. |
| 4. School child attends                                   | 8. Parent/guardian signature                                       |

❖ *What assessments are required to be administered to my child?*

- PARCC – ELA (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- PARCC – Math (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>)
- NMAPA for Special Education Students
- Standards Based Assessment – Science (4<sup>th</sup>)
- ACCESS for ELL students
- Istation (K – 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- End of Course Exam – Music (5<sup>th</sup>)
- End of Course Exam – Visual Art (5<sup>th</sup>)
- End of Course Exam – Physical Education (4<sup>th</sup>)

❖ *I do not want my child to participate in a state-mandated test. What should I do?*

Parent/Guardian of the child must turn in the Parental Refusal Form found here:

<https://www.aps.edu/assessment/parents-documents/elementary-parental-refusal-form>

❖ *Where do I turn in the Parental Refusal Form?*

Parental Refusal Forms must be submitted to your child's school administration office **before the first day of the testing window**, with all required information completed in full.

❖ *How can I ensure my child does not participate in a specific assessment?*

All assessments are listed on the Parental Refusal Form. Please read this form carefully and choose those assessments that you are refusing to allow your child to participate.

❖ *By what date do I have to return the Parental Refusal Form?*

It is better to submit the Parental Refusal Form as soon as possible. To ensure your child receives meaningful instruction during test time, school administrators and educators need to plan for those students that will not participate in testing. Parental Refusal Forms are required to be submitted to your student's school ***before the first day of the testing window*** to ensure your school is aware that your student will not participate and can plan appropriately.