

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

- High school students are required to pass certain assessments to earn their diploma.
Refusing to participate in an assessment may prevent your child from graduating with a diploma.
- 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.

❖ *How might my refusal affect my child's opportunity to graduate with a diploma?*

NMPED has mandated that in order to graduate with a diploma, each student must demonstrate competencies in five areas: reading, writing, math, science and social studies. According to NMPED, a student must demonstrate those competencies through the following required assessments:

- PARCC Math (Geometry or ALG II, must pass one)
- PARCC ELA 11 (Reading and Writing)
- State Standards Based Science Assessment
- End of Course exam in Social Studies (NM History, US History, World History, Economics, or Government, must pass one)

❖ *What happens if my child fails these required assessments? Will they still graduate with a diploma?*

- If students fail any of these assessments, they may re-take these tests. If students also fail the re-takes, they may use a state-approved or a locally-approved alternative demonstrations of competencies, ADC's can be utilized only after they have exhausted all of the required assessments.
- The state-approved alternative demonstrations of competency include other tests such as the ACT, SAT, PSAT and other assessments.
- If a student does not meet the cut scores for the state-approved alternative assessments, they may complete the locally-approved alternative demonstrations of competency. Examples of these alternate demonstrations include earning a grade of "C" or better on final exams, successful completion of appropriate dual credit courses, successful completion of an in-depth project, and acceptance to institutes of higher learning.

❖ *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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Written statement to confirm your student’s participation. 7. Lists the assessments in which you are now having your child participate in. 8. Parent/guardian signature |
|--|--|

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARCC – ELA PARCC – Math NMAPA for Special Education Students Spanish Language Arts (10th & 11th) Standards Based Assessment – Science (11th) ACCESS for ELL students PSAT End of Course Exam – English III Reading End of Course Exam – English III Writing End of Course Exam – English IV Reading End of Course Exam – English IV Writing End of Course Exam – Spanish III Reading End of Course Exam – Spanish III Writing End of Course Exam – Algebra I End of Course Exam – Algebra II End of Course Exam – Geometry End of Course Exam – Pre-Calculus End of Course Exam – Financial Literacy End of Course Exam – Biology End of Course Exam – Chemistry End of Course Exam – Physical Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Course Exam – Physics End of Course Exam – Environmental Science End of Course Exam – Anatomy and Physiology End of Course Exam – U.S. History End of Course Exam – U.S. Government End of Course Exam – Economics End of Course Exam – N.M. History End of Course Exam – World History and Geography End of Course Exam – Nutrition End of Course Exam – Culinary Arts I End of Course Exam – Drivers Education End of Course Exam – Basic Computers End of Course Exam – General Computer Apps End of Course Exam – Introduction of Arts End of Course Exam – Ceramics End of Course Exam – Digital Photography End of Course Exam – Health End of Course Exam – Physical Education End of Course Exam – Spanish I End of Course Exam – Drama End of Course Exam – Music |
|---|---|

❖ *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/high-school-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.