



Opt Out/Refusal to Participate in Assessments Form

Please clearly print the following information and return to your school's principal.

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

School _____ Student's Grade Level _____

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I refuse my child's participation in (check all that apply):

_____ All portions of Smarter Balanced, or
_____ only English Language Arts
_____ only Math

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_____ only English Language Arts
_____ only Math

_____ MSP Science

End-of-course exam in:

_____ Algebra
_____ Geometry
_____ Biology

My reason for this decision is: _____

I have read and understand that:

- This refusal will be filed with the student's permanent record. It is valid for one school year. If you want to refuse participation in any of the assessments above, you will need to re-submit this form each year.
- Students who do not participate will receive a "zero" score on the assessment and no score report will be provided for teachers or families to view.
- Students who do not participate will receive supervision but not instruction during assessment time.
- A zero in state assessments, such as Smarter Balanced, will negatively impact the school's overall results and could jeopardize funding.



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- Teachers will not receive results that could otherwise be used as a tool to measure the student's academic growth, for example, in the core academic areas of reading, writing, math, and/or science.
- Families will not receive results that will enable them to chart the student's growth over time.
- Smarter Balanced is used as the achievement measure for Highly Capable and Advanced Learner eligibility. In order to be designated as Highly Capable or as an Advanced Learner, multiple criteria are considered, including but not limited to measures of both cognitive and achievement abilities. If a student goes through the Highly Capable or Advanced Learner referral process, but refuses to participate in Smarter Balanced testing, the student will not meet all of the criteria for those services. Note that families in this case will have the option to appeal the decision.
- High school juniors without Smarter Balanced assessment results may not be eligible for a remedial testing waiver offered by state colleges. Check with specific colleges for their respective policy.
- Students who do not receive a passing score for the high school state assessment in all required subjects, or an approved alternative (including the state-defined prerequisites to access approved alternatives), will not be able to obtain a high school diploma.
- The Smarter Balanced assessment for 11th grade is currently a state requirement to graduate from high school.

For any questions about this form, please contact your school's administration.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

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