



Opt-Out of Participation 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 Spring 2022 Smarter Balanced

_____ only English Language Arts

_____ only Math

_____ All portions of MAP, or

_____ only English Language Arts

_____ only Math

_____ Spring 2022 WCAS Science

My reason for this decision is: _____

I have read and understand that:

- This opt out request will be filed with the student's permanent record. It is valid for one school year. If you want to opt out of 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.
- 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.
- 10th grade students who do not participate will not have a complete High School and Beyond Plan which is a graduation requirement.
- Lack of assessment scores may impact course selection in 11th and 12th grade.

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

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