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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Carroll ISD Refusal to Participate in Assessment Information

Carroll ISD strives to work collaboratively with parents in regards to what is in the best interest of their child. Standardized testing is required in Texas public schools by the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, program set out in Texas Education Code Chapter 39 and 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 101. State law makes it clear that students may not “opt out” of standardized or any other tests. However, while state assessments are a required component of a student’s educational pathway, CISD understands that sometimes a parent may request that a high-stakes state assessment is not in the best interest of their child.

In the event that a parent requests a child not participate in assessment(s), the Texas Education Code section 26.010 can be reviewed as written below. Please review the following required laws related to assessments in the state of Texas and discuss with the campus principal before making a final decision and providing a written request.

Sec. 26.010. Exemption from Instruction

(a) A parent is entitled to remove the parent's child temporarily from a class or other school activity that conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs if the parent presents or delivers to the teacher of the parent's child a written statement authorizing the removal of the child from the class or other school activity. A parent is not entitled to remove the parent's child from a class or other school activity to avoid a test or to prevent the child from taking a subject for an entire semester.

(b) This section does not exempt a child from satisfying grade-level or graduation requirements in a manner acceptable to the school district and the agency.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.



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Refusal Information Related to State Assessment Reporting

What if my student is present during the testing day, but I have provided a written refusal to test?

If a student is present during the state test administration and chooses not to test, a blank answer document, coded with an "S" for "score," will be submitted for scoring as required by the state. The student will receive a raw score of zero and the lowest possible scale score for the grade/subject. This score **will** impact the school and district's performance calculations.

What if my student is absent during the entire testing window of test administration?

If a student is absent during the entire state test administration, the student will be marked absent. Such designation does not impact the school or the District regarding performance calculations, but **will** impact participation rates for the campus and district.

How is my student impacted by HB4545 (TAC101.2005c) if he or she is absent or receives a scale score of zero due to refusal to test?

HB4545 (TAC 101.2005c) requires students who are absent or otherwise do not have valid assessments to receive 30 hours of accelerated instruction per subject during the subsequent summer or school year.

Will my student receive consequences for a written notice of refusal to test?

Any student who does not participate in state-mandated assessments at the request of his or her parent or guardian **will not** be subject to negative consequences or disciplinary action.

Carroll ISD Refusal to Participate in Assessment Form

Please note that this form is NOT required. Parent/Guardian may instead submit their request via written letter. The form and/or parent/guardian letter should be maintained on campus with assessment documents for five years.

See the Carroll ISD Refusal to Participate in Assessment Form on the next page.



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This form can be used in lieu of a parent/guardian letter. Please clearly print the following information and return to your school's principal.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Campus: _____ Student's Grade Level: _____

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I refuse my child's participation in:

_____ State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (**STAAR grades 3-8**)

_____ STAAR End-of-Course (**STAAR EOC**)

_____ STAAR Alternate 2 (**STAAR ALT 2**)

_____ Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (**TELPAS/TELPAS Alternate**)

*Refer to the TEA and district testing calendars for specific testing dates. **Some exams are administered over a two to five-week testing window.***

My reason for this decision is (parent/guardian may attach additional items to this document):

- ❖ State assessments are mandatory for students enrolled in Texas public schools.
- ❖ Satisfactory performance on the STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments is a requirement for graduation.
- ❖ If a student is present on the day of the test, the school will be obligated to offer the test to the student.
- ❖ If a student is present and refuses to take the STAAR test, then a blank answer document, coded with an "S" for score, is submitted to the state on the student's behalf. Students will receive a raw score of zero on the assessment and the lowest possible scale score for the grade/subject.
- ❖ If a student is not present on the day of testing, their answer document is coded with an 'A' for absent.
- ❖ Any student who does not participate in state-mandated assessments at the request of their parent/guardian **will not** be subject to disciplinary action.

My signature indicates that I have read and acknowledged the information above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Campus Principal: _____ **Date** _____

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