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## 2020 Parent Request for Exemption from Required Statewide Assessment(s)

*Under the state guidelines listed below, districts can choose whether to allow parents to exempt students from testing (Science, ELPA21, or Kindergarten) for religious or disability reasons. At this time, St. Helens School District allows requests for exemption only if this form is correctly completed and submitted prior to the start of testing for an individual student. This form should be completed only after school staff has reviewed with parents/guardians available accessibility options for testing and the impact of exemption on the student and the school.*

**OAR 581-022-1910:** Parents may request that their student be exempted from state testing based on either disability or religion. In order for a school district to excuse a student from testing, the student's parent must submit a written request to the school district, listing the reasons for the request and proposing an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participation in state testing. Appropriate school personnel must evaluate and approve the parent request.

When reviewing a parent's request for exemption, school district personnel should first discuss the use of accommodations with the parent to determine whether the use of any appropriate accommodations during testing might address the parent's concerns and allow the student to participate in state testing.

**Parents should note:** State tests are used to rate schools – both on how well students do overall and on how many students take the tests. If a school falls below 95% participation, the school's state rating falls. The rating, reported publicly in the school's State Report Card, are used by families weighing school choices.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting that my student be exempt from the following required state assessments for the 2019-20 school year:

Science     Kindergarten Assessment     ELPA

Briefly describe your reason for requesting this exemption (one or both boxes must be checked):

Religious reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

School use only      Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to forward a copy of this page to DTC @ District Office**

*It is the school's responsibility to ensure that students with approved exemptions are not tested in exempted subjects.*