



Poeth Independent School District
State Assessments Non-Participation Form

1 copy for student file

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This form must be used in lieu of or in addition to a parent/guardian letter.

A copy of this document is to be kept on file for five years to support the application of score code "S."

Please clearly print the following information and return to the campus principal.

Student Name _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____
Campus _____ Grade _____

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

- ☐ State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) grades 3-8
☐ STAAR End-of-Course (EOC)
☐ STAAR Alternate 2 (STAAR ALT 2)
☐ Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS/TELPAS Alternate)

My reason for this decision is (letter may be attached to this form):

1. State assessments are mandatory for students enrolled in Texas public schools.
2. Satisfactory performance on the STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments is a **requirement for graduation**.
3. If a student is present and opts out of the STAAR test, then a blank answer document — coded with an 'S' for scored — is submitted to the state on the student's behalf. **Students will receive a raw score of "zero" on the assessment, the lowest possible scale score for the grade/subject, and have to complete 30 hours of accelerated instruction for each subject in which a test was not taken.**
4. If a student is not present on the day of testing, their answer document is coded with an 'A' for absent.
5. Any student who does not participate in state-mandated assessments at the request of their parent/guardian will not be subject to negative consequences or disciplinary action.

_____ Please initial to acknowledge the information listed in items 1-5 above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

TEC 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.