

Request to Opt-Out of Formative or Standardized Testing (Including State Mandated Testing) Process.

In order to have your student opt-out of testing during the school year the Wrangell Public Schools requires a written document opting out of the testing process. (Information can be found below).

Testing Programs Overview: *State/Local regular testing in the school year (Grades that are administered testing)*

Kindergarten Developmental Profile (First year of Attendance - K or 1) - Once during the first student enrollment. Information on the KDP found here.

NWEA Growth MAP Testing (Usually 1-10th grade) - Three Times a Year - This is formative Testing in ELA, Math, and Science that gives a benchmark score and allows teachers to develop individual plans for students to achieve. More information on NWEA Growth tests can be found here.

DRC WIDA Testing - (Required State Testing and Applies only to English Language Learners in K-12) - This is required testing for students that have been identified as English Language Learners (ELL) in the Wrangell Public Schools. More information can be found here.

NWEA AK Star Testing - (Required State Testing in Grades 3-9) - *New for 2021-2022* - This test is taken in the Spring and Replaces the English and Math portions of the PEAKS Assessment that has been taken in prior years. Information on the AK Star Assessment can be found here.

DRC Alaska Science Assessment - (Required State Testing in Grades 5, 8, 10) - This is the same Science test program that occurred in previous years during the PEAKS

Testing period. More information about the Alaska Science Assessment can be found here.

Other Testing: (may apply) in certain circumstances additional test or replacement testing might be given at the school. These include testing specific to students with special circumstances:

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) - (Replacing AK Star or the Alaska Science Assessment - Also known as the Alternative Assessment.) For students in special programs. More information can be found here.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) - (Once every 2 years randomly picked districts and grades although usually 4-10 grades). The test is a state benchmark against other states and is from the US Department of Education. More information can be found here.

1. Effect on schools:
    a. Schools under state Department of Education Guidelines are required to have 95% participation in at least one Standardized test in each testing period that a student is enrolled and eligible. (AK Star, Alaska Science Assessment, WIDA, DLM)
    b. Not reaching the 95% participation requirement for a school will result in additional information and requirements for the schools/district and will be shown in the resulting State's "Report Card to the Public"
    c. The testing results will not be able to be used by teachers and staff in evaluating student progress (As part of a larger process)
    d. Students might not be able to have additional opportunities to show growth and or need for additional help in standardized comparisons with other students.
    e. Make comparisons in classrooms or schools more difficult if many students opt-out of testing

2. **A written and signed notification** identifying the student(s) name and grade level and what testing the school is being asked to exclude the student(s) from. This may be for specific testing or all testing. It must include the line ***"I understand that opting out of testing does have an impact on the school and possible effect on my student."***

3. The notification should be given to the school where the student regularly attends.