

Frequently Asked Questions about Standardized Tests and Opting Out

Can I opt my child out of any standardized test?

YES - According to the California Education Code, Section 60615: “a parent’s or guardian’s written request to school officials to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the assessments administered pursuant to this chapter shall be granted.”

Will opting out affect my child’s grades?

NO - Opting out of any standardized test or assessment will not affect your child’s grades on their report card.

Will opting out affect my child’s chances of getting into the middle school, high school or college of his/her choice?

NO - Opting out will not affect your child’s middle school or high school choice. Standardized test scores also do not affect your child’s college application.

Will opting out affect the amount of money that the school district receives from the federal government?

Currently, no school district across the country has received less federal funding as a result of students or parents opting out of standardized assessments.

How can I opt my child out of a standardized test?

By providing a written notice to your child’s principal requesting that your child does not take the standardized. A standard opt out letter has been attached to the back of this form.

Testing Opt-Out Form for Elementary Schools 2016-2017 School Year

Pursuant to California Education Code § 60615, I request that my child _____ be opted out of the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)** and the **Interim District Assessments (IDA)** tests during the 2016-17 school year.

I also wish him/her to be opted out of the following tests (please check all that apply):

- Reading Inventory (formerly Scholastic Reading Inventory)
- Interim Writing Assessments
- STAMP (Standards-Measurement of Proficiency)
- Other (please specify) _____

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Telephone

School Name

***** Please return this form to the principal at your child's school. *****

Under Section 852 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, teachers have the right to inform parents that they can opt out their child from any assessment, including SBAC and the IDA..