



SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parent Request for Exemption from State Testing (excluding Math and ELA) • 2021-22

This form is for parents and guardians to use in applying for an exemption to standardized testing requirements other than the Math and ELA tests. Its purpose is to enable the district to discharge its legal right and responsibility to evaluate an exemption request.

Disabilities and religious beliefs are the only basis on which an Oregon school district may approve an exemption. Parents must submit their request in writing, list reasons for the request and propose an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participation in state testing. This form fulfills the requirements for a district to allow an exemption.

For the district to approve a request for exemption, all areas of this form must be completed.

Complete and sign this form and submit it to the District Office.

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

REQUEST BASED ON DISABILITY

This request is to accommodate my student's IDEA or Section 504 identified disability.

In the area below, please address each of the following:

- Explain in your own words why you are requesting this exemption.
- Describe how your student's IDEA or Section 504 identified disability interferes with his or her ability to participate in state tests.
- Explain why you believe there are no accommodations that would allow your student to participate.

REQUEST BASED ON RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

This request is to accommodate my student's sincerely held religious beliefs.

Please initial each statement:

I understand that the purpose of the regulation's exemption for religious beliefs is to accommodate families in circumstances when sincerely held religious beliefs conflict with a state-required program, including statewide tests. Religion, while broadly interpreted, usually is a comprehensive set of beliefs that concern ultimate and fundamental ideas about life, purpose and death. The term "religious beliefs" means religious, moral or ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong that are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious convictions. Merely wishing to avoid testing, or having political or social objections to testing not based on a sincerely held religious belief, do not meet the requirements for the exemption.

My student has sincere religious beliefs against statewide assessments and I request an exemption from statewide tests for my student for this school year.

This exemption request includes the following tests (choose all that apply):

- Statewide Assessment: Science (*grades 5, 8, 11*)
- Kindergarten Assessment (*Kindergarten students*)
- English Language Proficiency (ELPA21) (*for eligible students in grades K-12*)
- Extended Science Assessment (*for eligible students with disabilities in grades 5,8,11*)
- English Language Proficiency Screener (ELPA Screener) (*for eligible students in grades K-12*)

Proposed Alternative Individualized Learning Activity:

I propose that my student be provided with the alternative learning activity listed below during the testing period. I understand that, given the priority of test administration, the school will have limited staff available to supervise and facilitate alternate learning activities for students not participating in testing.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submit this completed form to:

District Office
Scappoose School District
33589 SE High School Way
Scappoose, OR 97056

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Received by district office: *Staff* _____ Date received: _____

Initials

Approved Response sent to parent on date: _____

Denied Response sent to school on date: _____

Determining official's signature : _____ Date: _____