

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing the following information to confirm my awareness of my child(ren)'s refusal to take the standardized assessment indicated below.

I understand that there is no formal process for opting out of state-mandated testing and the school system (state, local education agency (LEA), principal, or teacher) has no authority to grant a waiver of state-mandated testing.

I understand that the school district is required to administer state standardized tests to students within the district and to include the result as part of his/her permanent record.

- In the event of test refusal for elementary and middle school students, a beginning-of-grade (BOG) or end-of-grade (EOG) score will be recorded as the lowest possible score for the test. In grade 3, the EOG assessment score is typically used when making decisions about the Read to Achieve (RTA) summer reading camp. Thus, test refusal may preclude eligibility for RTA remediation program(s).
- In the event of test refusal for middle school and high school students, an end-of-course (EOC) exam for NC Math I, NC Math II, English II, biology, (or other course) will be recorded as the lowest possible score for the test. Because the EOC score counts toward the student's overall class grade, test refusal will mean that the maximum possible class grade is less than 100%. The weighting of EOC scores toward class grades is determined by the individual LEA and typically varies between 15-25%. As an example, if the EOC weighting was set as 20% in a particular district, the maximum class grade a student could achieve would be 80% upon EOC exam refusal.

My signature indicates that I understand the information contained above and accept any possible consequence that may result from choosing to have my child(ren) refuse standardized testing.

Name of Student:

School:

Grade Level:

Assessment(s):

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: