

Sparta Area School District

Article 436 – Parent Opt Out

The federal government requires the assessment of all students in grades 3 to 8 and once in high school in the subjects of reading and math.

Wisconsin Statutes require additional assessments in science and social studies in grades 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Wisconsin Statute 118.30 (1r) 2.3 provides parents the right to “opt out”, or excuse their children from these assessments and permits local districts to develop procedures to address this process at grades 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

In order for a parent to utilize the Opt Out provision, the parent must:

1. Notify the school principal in writing, at least ten (10) school days before the building is scheduled to begin testing. No verbal requests shall be honored. The principal will inform the Director of Instructional Service/District Assessment Coordinator of the request.

- The Director of Instructional Services/District Assessment Coordinator shall grant such requests for Forward testing at the 4th, 8th and ASPIRE/ACT testing in 9th, 10th and 11th grade levels per Wisconsin Statute and notify parents.
- The District Assessment Coordinator shall deny such requests at the 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade levels following the current Federal law which prohibits parents from opting their children out of testing.

2. Any parent request received after the 10-day deadline for grades 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be referred directly to the District Administrator. Any request received after this date, yet prior to the start of testing, will require the written support of the building principal and the Director of Instructional Service/District Assessment Coordinator.

3. The district will attempt to honor appropriately submitted parental requests regarding test participation. There are circumstances and situations that will require the denial of requests to opt out of state testing. Any questions should be referred to the District Assessment Coordinator.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statute 118.30 (1r) 2.3

Cross Reference:

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