

Statement from the Kansas Association of School Boards:

The Kansas State Department of Education allows parents to opt out of statewide student assessments, and parent decisions in this regard will be respected. However, please note that on testing days parents will need to decide whether a child will remain at home or if an alternative learning activity will need to be provided for your child while other students in his or her class take the state assessments. Please let school personnel know how you would like this handled, as no school staff members want a child to feel they are being left out or excluded from a class activity. Please help your child to respond to other student questions about why they are not taking the state assessments.

With regard to local district assessments, parents are not allowed to opt out of these assessments. These assessments provide data to help your child's teachers target areas in which your child may need to improve or areas in which their performance is below what is expected of a student at their grade level. This data is critical so that teachers can make sure your child is making the progress expected at their grade level.

If the district is not able to assess your student's academic progress and target areas that need improvement, your child may miss out on other opportunities, such as: **being considered for placement in a gifted or honors classes, scholarship opportunities after graduation, or lower performance on college entrance exams or other post-secondary opportunities, etc.**

With respect to requests that student data not be provided to the state or federal departments of education, please be advised that school personnel will follow all applicable state and federal laws regarding the release of information related to your child.

To opt out of state assessments in the Basehor-Linwood School District, please sign the letter below and return it to the principal of your child's school.

Thank you,
USD 458 Board of Education

Assessment Opt Out Form

I have read the statement from the Kansas Association of School Boards, and I request that my child(ren) be opted out from the statewide summative assessment of math, reading, history/government, science and social studies for the 20__-20__ school year. It is also my understanding the Kansas State Department of Education does not have the authority to authorize opting out of any local assessments given by individual school districts.

Furthermore, I understand that USD 458 will comply with all applicable Kansas State and US Federal laws regarding the release of information relating to my child(ren).

My child(ren) will remain at home on assessment testing days.

My child(ren) will need to be provided an alternative learning activity during assessments.

Sincerely,

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:

Signature

Signature

Signature

Signature

Child(ren):

Date