

Parent Local Assessment Refusal Form

Minnesota law states that all parents have the right to refuse local testing of their children on one or more assessments. Before making the decision to refuse testing for your child, we ask that you review the test descriptions and reasons for testing on the Aurora Charter School assessment calendar document. This document can be found on the Aurora Charter School Website (www.auroracharterschool.org) by clicking on the academics menu and choosing the testing calendar document. If you do not have Internet service and cannot access the Aurora website, please ask for a paper copy at the school's front desk. In addition to reviewing the assessment calendar document, please consider the following facts:

- No assessment is used alone to make decisions about student retention, promotion, or curriculum. Aurora uses results from multiple assessments to make these types of decisions.
- If too many parents refuse testing of their children, it may impact the school's eligibility for state and federal programs and/or it's ability to receive state and federal funds. Without special programs and/or funding the school may lose resources essential to student success.
- Statewide testing takes up less than 1% of student instructional time over the year, and local testing is restricted to no more than 10 hours of testing per student per year.

Please fill out and return the form below to the front desk at Aurora Charter School by September 1, 2017.

Student Name: _____ **Student Grade:** _____

✓ (Check) the assessment(s) you are refusing your child to take in the table below:

Assessment Name and Type	Subject and Grades	Testing Season	✓ Below
NWA MAP	Reading and Math (Grades 3-8)	Fall, Winter, Spring	
	Science (Grades 5 & 8)	Fall	
Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessment	Reading (Grades K-6 mandatory; Grades 7 & 8 at school's discretion)	Fall, Winter, Spring	

Reason for refusing testing: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Please): _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any questions, please email Aurora's Assessment Coordinator, Jessica Gustafson, at jgustafson@auroracharterschool.org or request a meeting through an office professional at the school's front desk.