



School District of New Holstein

Notice of Parents Right-to-Know Assessment Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), this letter serves as notification regarding mandated assessments in which your child participates.

As a school district receiving Title I funds, we are required to inform you that you may request, and we will provide in a timely manner, information about any state or local policies concerning student participation in assessments mandated by ESSA, the state, or the district. This includes policies, procedures, or parental rights to opt out of such assessments, where applicable.

The School District of New Holstein Board Student Assessment policy po2623 includes the following requirements and information regarding parental rights to opt out:

All students shall participate in the State-required tests, unless excluded by an I.E.P. or Section 504 plan. Any student with an I.E.P. shall be provided appropriate accommodations and/or alternate assessments when necessary as indicated in the student's I.E.P. or 504 Plan.

Parent/Guardian Opt-Out

- A. A parent or guardian may request that the student be excused from participating in state (WSAS) testing. The parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the Principal or Board. Per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3 the request must be granted for students in grades 4, 8, and 9-11. Students not in the above-grade levels, the decision to grant the request is at the discretion of the Board.
- B. If the timing of a parent opt-out request does not allow the Board to convene at a regular meeting to take action prior to testing, the Board authorizes the Principal or Director of Curriculum and Instruction to grant or deny the request. The Board will not schedule special meetings solely for testing opt-out action items.

If you have questions regarding required assessments, please contact your child's principal or teacher.

Sincerely,

Lori Verhagen

Director of Curriculum and Instruction