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## **Release of District Responsibility Regarding PARCC Testing**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires all students to take state assessments as scheduled and there is no provision for a student to opt out of state assessments. If a student is absent on a testing date, the student will be expected to take the missed test on another school day.

Madison Board of Education Policy #2622 - **Pupil Assessment** also requires the district to administer state assessments and outlines the importance for students to take the tests seriously. The policy notes that the data collected will be used *“to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly. Such data can be accessed and utilized as a student progresses to successive school levels.”*

Additionally, the New Jersey legislature has tied PARCC assessment to high school graduation requirements for all students and requires that students take all appropriate assessments (see added emphasis below).

- For students in the **Classes of 2018 and 2019**, all students must pass the PARCC assessments or achieve a comparable score in an alternate assessment as determined by the NJDOE.
- Students in the **Class of 2020** can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same three pathways as those in the **Class of 2019**, provided that students take all PARCC assessments associated with the HS level courses for which they were eligible and receive valid scores.
- Students in the **Class of 2021** will only have only two pathways:
  - Pass the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments; or
  - Complete the portfolio appeals process, assuming the student has taken all PARCC assessments associated with the HS level courses for which they were eligible and receives valid scores.
- See for further reference: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/GradReq.pdf>

The district’s position is that students who are eligible for testing should participate and work to the best of their ability to reach proficiency. This ensures that we are complying with the appropriate regulations and that the data we receive will provide meaningful feedback that can be used in our continued mission to improve our programs.

If you still wish to release the district from its responsibility regarding PARCC testing for your child, please print this form and sign the statement below. The form must be returned to your child’s principal by no later than Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. One copy is required for each child and electronic copies will not be accepted.

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I understand that participation in the state assessment system is required by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Madison Board of Education and that **failure to participate may impact my child’s ability to graduate on time**. I also understand that not participating will limit the district’s ability to access meaningful academic performance data for my child. I further acknowledge that if my child does not participate there will be no provision for an alternate educational experience as school resources will be devoted to PARCC testing.

Understanding all of the foregoing information, I still refuse to allow my child to complete PARCC testing and I release the district from its responsibility regarding state testing PARCC testing for my child this year.

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Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature