

District: Tupelo Public School District
Section: I - Instructional Program
Policy Code: IIAAA - Opting-Out of State Testing

Opting Out of State Testing

1. State student assessments are a useful and valid tool in helping the Board track the progress the District is making in raising the level and quality of education throughout the District. Mississippi law mandates that “basic skills test shall be completed by each student” and “in the event of excused or unexcused absences, make-up tests be given.” Because state law requires every school district within the state to periodically assess student performance and achievement in each school, student assessment is not an option in the District, but rather a requirement.

2. The superintendent shall develop procedures for students who arrive on campus on testing days whose parents refuse to allow the students to take state test. At a minimum, such procedures shall include:

a. Ensuring students “opting out” of testing do not disrupt the administration of state test;

b. Documenting the names, grades, and actual assessments for students who refuse to be tested; and

c. Providing a safe and orderly environment for all students in attendance each day.

3. The District is not required to provide alternative activities on testing days for students whose parents refuse to allow their children to take a state test.

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