

Wisconsin Testing and Assessments FAQs:

Q. What Tests Are Required?

A. Students are required to take all or some of the following assessments:

- 1) Lesson assessments
- 2) Unit assessments
- 3) Semester assessments
- 4) Diagnostic and formative assessments
- 5) Norm-referenced, computer adaptive assessments
- 6) Wisconsin State assessments

Q. Do Students Have to Participate in State Testing?

A. **ALL** students are required to participate in state testing by both State and Federal law (Wis. Stat. § 118.30 and the Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA).

Q. When is a parent/guardian opt-out allowed?

A. When a parent or guardian requests that the student be excused from participating in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS), this request must be honored at grades 4 and 8 per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3. All students excused by parent opt-out are marked as “not tested” students in school and district reporting determinations.

Q. How does a parent/guardian request an opt-out for their student?

A. A parent or guardian must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal or the school board. Per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3., if the student is in grade 4 or 8, the request must be granted. However, if the student is not in the above-mentioned grade levels, the decision to grant the request is at the discretion of the school board.