



2016-17 Parent Request for Exemption from the Oregon Science Assessment

Under the state guidelines listed below, parents can request to exempt students from the Oregon Science Assessment for religious or disability reasons. If requesting an exemption for disability, the parent is encouraged to talk with teachers about accessibility options that may be available to the student. Exemption forms received after the student has begun the assessment will be accepted but any results earned by the student before the form was received may be recorded with the Oregon Department of Education.

OAR 581-022-1910: "Parents may request that their student be exempted from state testing based on either disability or religion... In order for a school district to excuse a student from testing under this rule, the student's parent must submit a written request to the school district, listing the reasons for the request and proposing an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participation in state testing. Appropriate school personnel must evaluate and approve the parent request.

When reviewing a parent's request for exemption, school district personnel should first discuss the use of accommodations with the parent to determine whether the use of any appropriate accommodations during testing might address the parent's concerns and allow the student to participate in testing. (2016-17 Test Administration Manual, p. 37)

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

School Name: _____

I am requesting that my student be exempt from the Oregon Science Assessment for the 2016-17 school year.

Indicate your reason for requesting this exemption (one or both boxes must be checked):

Religious reasons

Disability reasons

Parent/guardian signature

Parent/guardian name (please print)

Date

School Use Only

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Remember to forward a copy of this page to Teaching and Learning

It is the school's responsibility to ensure that students with approved exemptions are not tested in exempted subjects.