State Assessments “Opt-Out” Form

This form can be used in lieu of a parent/guardian letter. Please clearly print the following information and return to your school’s principal.

Student’s Name ___________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name ____________________________________________

Campus ________________________________ Student’s Grade Level ______

As the parent/guardian of the above named student, I refuse my child’s participation in:

______ State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) grades 3-8
______ STAAR End-of-Course (STAAR EOC)
______ STAAR Alternate 2 (STAAR ALT 2)
______ STAAR Accommodated (STAAR A)
______ STAAR Linguistically Accommodated Version (STAAR L)
______ Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Exit-Level (TAKS XL)
______ Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)

My reason for this decision is (parent/guardian may attach additional items to this document):

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I acknowledge the information listed below:

➢ State assessments are mandatory for students enrolled in Texas public schools.
➢ Satisfactory performance on the STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments is a requirement for graduation.
➢ If a student is present and opts out of the STAAR test, then a blank answer document — coded with an ‘S’ for scored — is submitted to the state on the student’s behalf. Students will receive a raw score of “zero” on the assessment and the lowest possible scale score for the grade/subject.
➢ If a student is not present on the day of testing, their answer document is coded with an ‘A’ for absent.
➢ Any student who does not participate in state-mandated assessments at the request of their parent/guardian will not be subject to negative consequences or disciplinary action.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________ Date ________________

Signature of Campus Principal: __________________________ Date ________________