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Parent Opt-Out & Exemption from Statewide Summative Assessment

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Parent Opt-outs and Exemptions from Statewide Assessment

	Opt-outs under Student Bill of Rights	Parent-Requested Exemptions
Legal authority:	ORS 329.479	OAR 581-022-0009: Exemptions
Scope	Statewide ELA and Mathematics Assessments (general and alternate)	Any state-required learning activity, including Statewide Science Assessment (general and alternate) and English Language Proficiency Assessment
Eligibility Criteria	None	Must be based on student's disability or religion
Submission Process	Submission of state-provided opt-out form to local district	Submission of written request to local district

What Happens Once a Parent Submits an Opt-out Form?

1. Parent submits signed opt-out form to local school or district office

2. District documents receipt of opt-out form and blocks the student from testing

3. District applies code in ODE student record database flagging opt-out

Individual Student Reporting

- The ODE typically makes two individual student reports (ISRs) available each year
 - **Unofficial** - typically available within two weeks of test administration, published within our Online Reporting System
 - **Official** - available to districts within our Student Accountability Reporting (SAR) application, after district validation of data has occurred in late summer
- Districts leverage the resources that ODE provides in different ways
 - Some share the official ISRs we publish with families
 - Others develop independent reports that they send to families that include additional assessment information (e.g., screening, benchmark testing, etc.)

Questions and Answers



Thank You!

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Extra Slides If Needed

District Communications

Examples of Appropriate Communications	Examples of Inappropriate Communications
Posting ODE's Opt-Out form on district/school website	Making repeated announcements to non-adult students (e.g., over school intercom systems, assemblies) during working hours reminding students to pick up ODE's Opt-Out form
Sending ODE's Opt-Out form through Parent emails or a Parent newsletter	Initiating a discussion of ODE's Opt-Out form or process with non-adult students during working hours
Making ODE's Opt-Out form available during public meetings	Repeatedly reminding non-adult students to submit ODE's Opt-Out form during working hours
Providing adult students with ODE's Opt-Out form at the end of class	Encouraging students to submit ODE's Opt-Out form during working hours

30-Day Notice Requirements

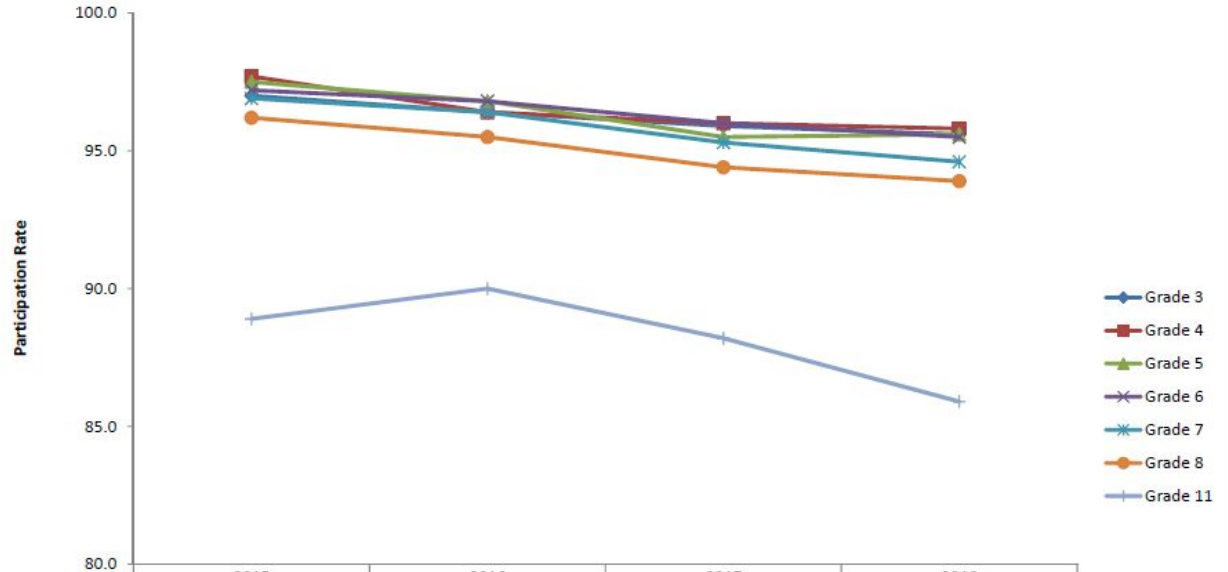
[ORS 329.479](#)

At least 30 days prior to the administration of statewide summative assessments, a school district or public charter school must send to parents and adult students a notice about the statewide summative assessments. The notice must include:

- (A) The purpose of the assessments and how the results of the assessments will be used;
- (B) The specific days the statewide summative assessments will be administered;
- (C) The amount of class time required for the statewide summative assessments;
- (D) The learning targets that make up the assessments;
- (E) The difference between good and poor performances on the assessments;
- (F) When results of the assessments will be available to students; and
- (G) Access to the form established as provided by subsection (4) of this section.

Participation Rates: ELA

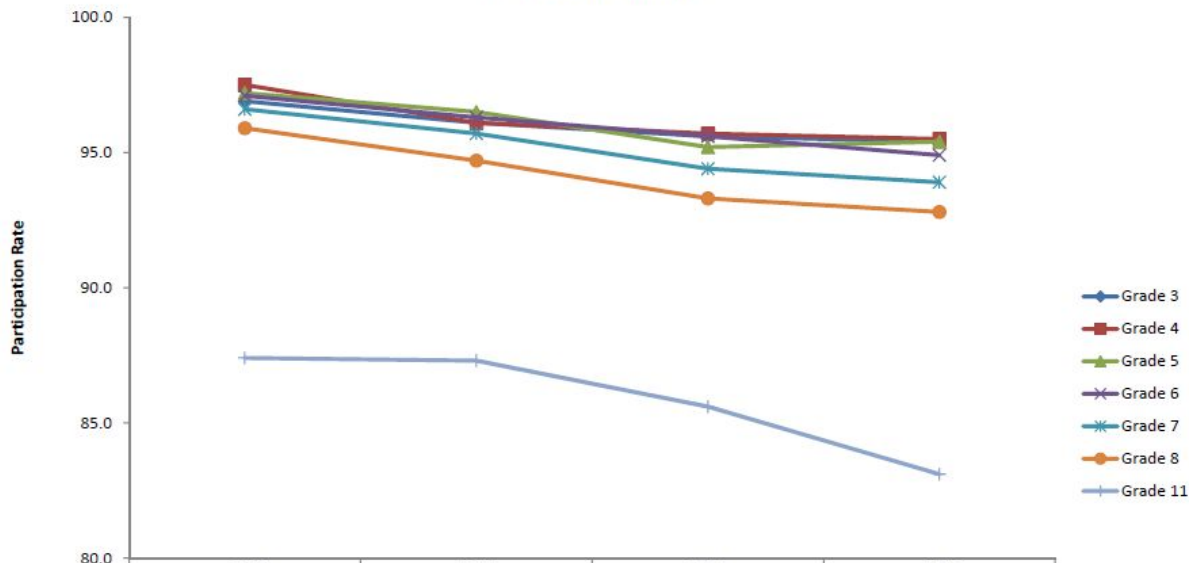
ELA Assessment Participation by Grade, 2015-2018
Total Population



	2015	2016	2017	2018
Grade 3	97.0	96.4	95.9	95.6
Grade 4	97.7	96.4	96.0	95.8
Grade 5	97.5	96.8	95.5	95.6
Grade 6	97.2	96.8	96.0	95.5
Grade 7	96.9	96.4	95.3	94.6
Grade 8	96.2	95.5	94.4	93.9
Grade 11	88.9	90.0	88.2	85.9

Participation Rates: Mathematics

Math Assessment Participation by Grade, 2015-2018
Total Population



	2015	2016	2017	2018
Grade 3	96.9	96.1	95.6	95.4
Grade 4	97.5	96.1	95.7	95.5
Grade 5	97.2	96.5	95.2	95.4
Grade 6	97.1	96.3	95.6	94.9
Grade 7	96.6	95.7	94.4	93.9
Grade 8	95.9	94.7	93.3	92.8
Grade 11	87.4	87.3	85.6	83.1

Participation Rates: Science

Science Assessment Participation by Grade, 2015-2018
Total Population

