

TESTING OPT-OUT

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From Tulsa Public Schools

A parent in the state of Oklahoma may OPT out of any testing, just as they can home school, but **the following must be in place:**

- The parent must write a formal letter (not an email, text or phone call) to the school principal stating the following:
- The specific test the parent wishes to opt-out.
- The reason *why* they want to opt out.
- A statement assuming all responsibility for the consequences of opting out.
- This letter must be kept on file in the District Assessment office and should be received prior to testing.

Consequences of Opting-Out:

- **Elementary:**
 - A student must take the 3rd grade reading test and score above unsatisfactory to be promoted to 4th grade. It is the legal opinion of OSDE that a student who does not take the 3rd grade reading test cannot be promoted unless they meet one of the good cause exemptions.
- **Secondary:**
 - A student **must** pass the 8th grade reading test to be eligible for a **driver's license** in Oklahoma.
 - "Each student who completes the instruction for English 2, 3, U.S. History, Biology, Algebra 1,2 and Geometry at a secondary level shall complete an **EOI test to measure for attainment** in the appropriate state academic content standards in order **to graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma.**" Test Prep Manual, ODE, from the legislation.
 - If the student took Eng. 3, Geometry, Alg. 2, they must take the test to graduate either OAAP, online or paper. **They must pass 4 and take the EOIs for the courses taken to graduate. If the parent opts out, the student doesn't graduate.**