

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS**Purpose**

The statewide assessment is designed as a school improvement and accountability tool. The results of these assessments shall not be used for individual student course grades or as a graduation requirement.

Exemptions

The Nashua School District shall accept any written communications, whether by letter or email, from a parent or guardian, to excuse the absence of a student from school on the days that the student is scheduled to take either the State Assessment System, the SATs, or any other statewide assessments as an excused absence, with no penalty to the student or parent.

Further, upon receipt of such a communication, the District shall not reschedule the student for a make-up examination at a later date, as it normally would in cases of sickness, etc.

All public school students in the designated grades shall participate in the assessment, unless such student is exempted.

Students attending school while exempted from the statewide assessment, shall be directed to a monitored area and provided an alternative educational activity.

Results

The statewide assessment results of a student or the student's school district shall not be included as part of the student's transcript unless the student, if 18 years of age or older, or the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is under 18 years of age, consents.

After the assessment results are released by the department, a parent or legal guardian shall have the right to inspect and review their pupil's assessment, including the questions asked, the pupil's answers, instructions or directions to the pupil, and other supplementary materials related or used to administer the pupil's assessment. A parent or legal guardian shall direct a request in writing or by email for inspection or review to the pupil's school principal.

School principals shall send requests to the superintendent who will contact the Department of Education. Upon receipt of the information, the administration shall contact the parent or guardian to arrange a time and place for review.

Principals and BOE members may inspect and review student assessment questions, and if available, the test maker's suggested answers.

Legal Reference:

RSA 193-C:10 Accessibility of Assessment Materials

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