

# Curriculum and Assessment Opt-Out Form



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RE: District and State Assessment Opt-Out Script for verbal or written opt-out

Dear Connections Parent or Guardian,

I am contacting you as a designee of the principal. Per KPBSD Exhibit 6158 Curriculum and Assessment Opt-Out Form requires parent/guardian(s) confirm they have read and have discussed with a school administrator the possible consequence that opting out of curricula and/or testing may have for your students, your student's teacher and school.

A requirement of the AK Reads Act, we are required to share the following with all our families who may wish to opt out of assessments:

In Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students may take a short literacy screener (mClass) and a summary assessment (AK Star in grades 3-9). These assessments help teachers and parents to identify proficiency in their students' reading skills. Additionally, these assessments identify students who may be struggling with grade level reading. The short screener (mClass), a formative assessment, should not be confused with the AK Star assessment which is a summative assessment and administered at the end of the school year, beginning in the third grade. The purpose of the AK Star assessment is to assess each student's proficiency in meeting grade level standards (summative assessment.)

The mClass is the state approved literacy screener and helps to identify students who need targeted reading instruction for intervention or enrichment. By opting out of this screener, you are confirming that you understand that your student may not be identified for targeted reading instruction which may impact the following:

- The child's access to targeted reading intervention or enrichment.
- Access to instruction that could impact 3<sup>rd</sup> grade progression decisions.
- A possible delay in referral for special education, if needed, is due to the lack of intervention and data.

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ we would like our student to:  
*Please print clearly*

\_\_\_\_\_ Opt-out of all assessments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Opt-out of the mClass formative assessments (three opportunities per year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Opt-out of the AK Star summative assessment.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator or Designee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date