



NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT #131
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I have received your request to excuse your child from State assessments during this 2014-15 school year. Please understand the Nampa School District is obligated by law to comply with regulations regarding participation in State assessments, including those required in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and Idaho's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) plan. Both require participation. For this purpose, participation is defined as any student who receives a valid score on each content area of the assessment. In addition, Idaho Administrative Code requires all students to "...achieve a proficient or advanced score on the grade ten (10) Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in math, reading, and language usage **in order to graduate.**" (IDAPA 08.02.03.105.06).

Non-compliance in assessment participation places State and Federal funding in jeopardy, the loss of which would severely impact the quality of education the District is able to provide to every child, including your child. While I fully understand every parent's desire to make educational decisions they believe are best for their child, the district must ensure compliance with State and Federal law. In order to ensure compliance and continue to offer high-quality educational opportunities, all students enrolled in the Nampa School District during statewide test dates are required to participate in State assessments. The link below lists the testing windows for 2014-2015 school year.

(http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/docs/Assessment_2014Calendar.pdf)

If your child is enrolled in our district during the test window, we are required to have your child take the Idaho Student Achievement Test.

Sincerely

Kim Eimers
Director of Student Services & Assessment

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