PSSA Opt-Out Information

According to 2023 Pennsylvania PSSA Assessment Handbook, the protocol for parental request for exclusion from the assessment is as follows:

• Prior to each testing window, assessments will be available for review by parents and guardians. The assessment must be reviewed on district property and district personnel must be present at all times.

• Parents and guardians must sign the Parent Confidentiality Agreement. Parents and guardians may not photocopy, write down, or in any other manner record any portion of the assessments, including directions.

• If after reviewing the test parents/guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious beliefs and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the parents/guardians must provide a written request that states the objection to the Superintendent.

• If the student is excused from the assessment due to parental or guardian request, school personnel must provide an alternative learning environment for the student during the assessment.

The 2023 PSSA testing window begins Monday, April 24, 2023 Tests can be viewed starting Monday, April 10, 2023 Please contact 570-562-2121 ext.1124 to schedule an appointment.

More information on the opt-out can be found at https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.51b.html