



Denville Township Statewide Assessment Refusal Form

The New Jersey Department of Education, pursuant to State law and regulations requires all students to take state assessments as scheduled. The Denville Board of Education must therefore require all students to take statewide assessments and cannot grant permission to a parent to opt-out of required statewide assessments. In the event that a parent and/or student refuse to participate in the statewide assessment, the following form must be returned to your child's principal at least **10 days before testing**.

1. Student Name _____
2. Grade Level _____
3. School _____
4. Home Room Teacher _____
5. Test Refused _____
6. Date of Testing _____

7. Placement during testing (**Please mark one**)

- _____ A. My child will arrive after testing each day for the duration of his or her grade level of testing. For my child to be marked present for the school day, my child will arrive in time to receive at least 4 hours of instruction. I will provide a note as to why my child is tardy and the tardy will be marked as "excused".

The required arrival time will be provided to you before testing date.

- _____ B. My child will arrive at the start of the regular school day and be placed in an alternate location within the building, as determined by the principal. He or she will remain in the location for the duration of the testing period, and must bring their own work to complete or book to read.

Please initial each statement:

_____ I understand that NJSLA exam is not a high-stakes test for grades 3-8. The results will not be used for basic skills, gifted and talented, grade level promotion or retention. However, participation in a qualifying state assessment during high school is required by the New Jersey Department of Education for high school graduation.

_____ I understand that the NJSLA exam is our New Jersey State Assessment, and by attending public school have agreed to its requirements, which include participation in state assessments.

_____ I understand that the NJSLA assessment is not optional and I am electing to refuse my child participate.

_____ I understand that my child will not be penalized for not participating, however the school district may be penalized by the United States Department of Education if it has lower than a 95% student participation rate. *For more information regarding Federal penalties, please see our website.*

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Best method of contact (email or phone) _____