

The Ranches Academy
Parental Exclusion from State Assessments

As a parent/guardian, I **do not** want my child to participate in the following assessments:

Student Name: _____ **Exclusion for School Year:** _____

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WHO OPT OUT WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

The data obtained in these assessments are utilized by teachers and administrators to review student progress toward learning targets, plan instruction, provide teacher feedback, provide important achievement data to students and parents, and allow for public reporting about school quality.

Though you can submit a Parental Exclusion form at any point, if you submit the Parental Exclusion form to the school at least 24 hours prior to your child taking the test(s), the school will ensure that your child doesn't access the test(s).

[Board Rule 277-404-7 \(https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r277/r277-404.htm#T7\)](https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r277/r277-404.htm#T7)

Note: This form must be returned annually to your local school.

- _____ RISE (Readiness, Improvement, Success, Empowerment)
 English Language Arts/Literacy/Writing (3-6 grades)
 - _____ RISE **Math(3-6 grades)**
 - _____ RISE **Science (4-6 grades)**
 - _____ RISE Interim
 - _____ RISE Benchmarks
 - _____ DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps)
 ELA & Math for students with significant cognitive disabilities
 - _____ UAA (Utah Alternative Assessment)
 Science for students with significant cognitive disabilities
 - _____ KEEP (Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile)
 - _____ ACCESS 2.0 ACCESS for English Language Learners
 - _____ Alternate ACCESS 2.0 ACCESS for English Language Learners
 - _____ AAPPL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages
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_____ DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy) Grades K-6

* The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. For more information, please visit <https://dibels.org/dibels.html>.

DIBELS is state mandated for Grades 1-3. The Ranches Academy has used the assessment since 2006 for all grades to assess reading abilities and place students in appropriate reading groups. This assessment is **NOT RELATED TO COMMON CORE** in any way.

I acknowledge that this signed form must be returned to the principal of my child's school at least one day prior to the beginning of the assessment. This information will be kept at the child's school.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Contact Information (phone/email) _____