

Dear Principal,

No data obtained from New York City or New York State assessments taken by my child,

_____, in _____ (class, grade), may be entered into the New York State or City Teacher Evaluation Systems for the 2016-17 school year.

I am opposed to the use of student test scores to determine school ranking or teacher effectiveness. If I grant my child permission to take any city- or state-mandated tests, the results may **only** be used internally, and only for purposes that school administration and/or the teacher deem helpful or instructive.

The decision to refuse this data in no way reflects on the hard work and talent of the teachers, administration, or staff of the school.

Below, please find a list of NYC/NYS assessments. I will indicate which ones my child may take and which we will refuse outright. However, to reiterate, even if I grant permission to undergo the assessment, in NO instance should the data be used other than as indicated above. *(Parents, please check appropriate boxes. There are no conceivable strictly internal uses for data from NYS ELA, math, science, or field tests, so there is no "MAY TAKE" option indicated next to those items.)*

NY State assessments	REFUSE	MAY TAKE
ELA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Math	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pre-, Post-, and/or Benchmark Assessments connected to Measures of Student Learning (MOSLs) ex. NYS Performance Tasks, Running Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or "field tests" created by corporate or government entities or testing companies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any exam used to formulate a high-stakes evaluation or score for the teachers or school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your support and understanding as I continue to advocate not only for my own child, but for the benefit of U.S. public education in general.

Respectfully,

x _____ Date _____