

Keystone Exam Opt-Out Notice

Section 4.4 of Title 22, Chapter 4 provides for the rights of any parent or guardian to excuse his or her child from the state assessment if, upon inspection of the testing materials, they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. This is the only basis for a parent or guardian to excuse his or her child from the statewide assessments.

1. Parent/Guardian contacts the Office of the Superintendent or School Building Principal within two weeks of the Pennsylvania Department of Education predetermined PSSA/Keystone Assessment Window to schedule an assessment review. A Parent/Guardian may only request a secure assessment review if they believe that they may have an objection to content based upon their religious beliefs.
2. Parent/Guardian schedules the secure assessment review (to be held at the student's school) at a time convenient for both parties.

Parents/Guardians requesting an opt-out for Keystone Assessments per Section 4.4 of Title 22, Chapter 4 should contact the High School Principal, Steven Keen, with a letter or email (keystones@jsasd.org) stating the intent to opt-out of the assessment as well as to schedule a time to review the assessment.