

## RSU 22 Opt Out Test Refusal Form for Spring 2020

The parents/guardians of the student(s) named below have chosen to exercise their right to exclude their child(ren) from the administration of the Maine Educational Assessment, and should not be tested. School staff has met with them to discuss the risks involved to the student, school, and school district. RSU #22 will keep this documentation on file for our local, state, and ESEA/ESSA audits.

### Parent Section

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Assessment: eMPowerME (gr. 3-8) MEA Science (grades 5/8/11) School Day SAT ACCESS/WIDA

I understand that a child who does not take an assessment has less data available by which teachers and schools can plan instruction and identify students for special programming (e.g., Title I programming, Chapter 104 programming).

I understand that if a very small number of students do not take the state-mandated assessment, penalties occur to the school and school district regardless of how well the other students perform. These penalties can include immediate loss of a school "letter grade" (e.g., from B to C) or identification as a school in need of improvement that is obligated to undergo a state-directed change process. In RSU #22 we receive approximately \$450,000. in ESEA/ESSA funding which pays for important services for students.

My child(ren) was given the opportunity to participate in the Maine Educational Assessment.

RSU #22 staff have made efforts to educate me and answer my questions about the Maine Educational Assessment.

I wish to exercise my right to exclude my child(ren) from the 2020 administration of the Maine Educational Assessment for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature) Date

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RSU #22 Principal, Director, or Designee Date

*Copy Distribution: ESEA/ESSA Director, Principal, Parent (if requested)*

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