



Milwaukee Academy of Science

2000 W Kilbourn Ave - Milwaukee, WI 53233 - (414) 933-0302

Wisconsin Student Assessment System & Parental Opt Out

Dear Parent:

The Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) is a comprehensive statewide program designed to provide information about what students know in core academic areas and whether they can apply what they know.

The WSAS includes:

- **The Wisconsin Forward Exam** at grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, at grades 4 and 8 in Science, and 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies
- **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)** at grades 3-11 in ELA and Mathematics, at grades 4 and 8 - 11 in Science, and at grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies
- **ACT Aspire** at grades 9 & 10,
- **The ACT with Writing** at grade 11 for Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing.

Per Wis. Stats. 118.30 (2) (b) 3, a parent or guardian may request that their student be excused from participating in the WSAS. To do so, a parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal or the school board. This request may come at any time before or during the testing window, and will be honored at grades 4, 8, 9-11 ONLY, as the ability to opt-out only covers state assessments.

As of now, requirements for the 2020-21 administration of statewide assessments remain unchanged under state and federal law.

If you would like more information about State Assessments, or parents' ability to opt-out, please contact your academy principal at (414) 933-0302, or visit the DPI website here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parent-info/faq>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony McHenry".

Anthony McHenry, CEO