

2020-2021 NYS Test Refusal Letter

Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Dear _____,

We are writing today to formally inform the district of our decision to refuse to allow our child _____, to participate in:

_____ the 2021 New York State grade 3-8 ELA assessment

_____ the 2021 New York State grade 3-8 math assessment

_____ the 2021 grade 4 New York State science assessment

_____ the 2021 grade 8 New York State science assessment

Our refusal should in no way reflect on the teachers, administration, or school board. We simply see these tests as harmful, expensive, and a waste of time and valuable resources.

We hope our efforts will be understood in the context in which they are intended: to support the quality of instruction promoted by the school, and to advocate for what is best for ALL children. Our schools will not suffer when these tests are finally gone, they will flourish.

We do apologize in advance for the inconvenience or scrutiny that this decision may cause the administration, the school, and staff.

Sincerely,