

Required State Assessment Policy Information

District assessment policies are established under the authority and direction of Florida Statute. The statutes that most directly pertain to required state assessments are:

Section 1008.22(3), F.S., states, “Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools...” Section 1008.25(4)(a), F.S., states, “Each student must participate in the statewide, standardized assessment program required by s. 1008.33.”

Section 1008.212, F.S., provides for an extraordinary exemption for a student “...for whom the individual education plan (IEP) team determines is prevented by a circumstance or condition from physically demonstrating the mastery of skills that have been acquired and are measured by the statewide, standardized assessment, at statewide standardized end-of-course assessment, or an alternate assessment....”

St. Johns County School District does not have the statutory authority to exempt any student from required state developed assessments, except as specified in Section 1008.212, F.S. which primarily addresses students with physical impairment or children who have a medical complexity as defined in section 1008.22(9) F.S.

Unless the student qualifies for one or more of the exceptions referenced in statute, the student may not be granted an exemption from required state assessments. Additionally, failure to participate in the assessment program could negatively impact a student’s educational progression in regard to course placement, remediation and graduation.

To learn more about the Florida accountability system and required assessments go to <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment>