Mapleton School District June 2025 resolution:

We, the Mapleton Board of Education, given our responsibility to safeguard and guide the education of all Mapleton students, have been evaluating the appropriateness of the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) in our school community and have come to the conclusion, as follows.

WHEREAS, Mapleton School District is committed to educating all students, including focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing;

WHEREAS, students of all ages continue to be impacted from the loss of countless hours of instructional time due to the global pandemic;

WHEREAS, state-mandated testing will require sacrificing hours of badly-needed instructional time for students;

WHEREAS, the achievement gap has grown wider over the years of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, state test results do not provide timely data or information that individual teachers can use to inform their instruction or identify areas for remediation among their students;

WHEREAS, state test results are often suppressed and thus not available for sharing with our community or setting state level accountability goals;

WHEREAS, Mapleton schools have been administering valid and reliable formative tests throughout the school year, providing timely data that teachers use to provide multi-tiered systems of support and meet individual student needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, through direct contact with Mapleton School District administration, parent/guardian choice will determine their student's participation in annual OSAS testing.

Adopted date 6/18/2025
Andrea Milbrett, Board Chair

Policy: IL Assessment Program

Based on the process outlined below, we are in compliance with this policy.

https://policy.osba.org/mapletn/search.asp?si=75853865&pid=r&nsb=1&n=0&_charset_=windows-1252&bcd=%F7&s=mapletn&query=state+testing

Included opt-out language:
A parent on behalf of their student or an adult student may annually opt-out of taking a statewide summative assessment by completing and submitting ODE's opt-out form to the school. The district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment. A student may be excused from the Oregon Statewide Assessment Program for disability or religious reasons. Parents and adult students will be provided the required notices and access to forms by the district that include a time frame in which statewide assessments will take place, and an adult student's or parent's right to request an exemption from taking the statewide summative assessments.

Process:
Annually, before Spring Conferences, Mapleton Administrators will make contact (in person, phone, text, ParentSquare) with every family of students in 3-8 and 11th grades (as well as sending required notices, etc). On these calls, parents will be provided an opportunity to ask any questions about state testing and to share their choice of whether to test their student this year. Those who choose not to test, will be provided opt-out forms to sign at their Spring Conference appointments. As stated in policy IL, the district shall provide supervised study time for students who are excused from participating in the assessment.