

HOME SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ASSESSMENTS

Purpose

Consistent with Utah Admin. Code R277-604, the purpose of this policy is:

- 1 to provide opportunities for home school students who are Utah residents to participate in statewide assessments;
- 2 to maintain the integrity and security of statewide assessments and Utah's accountability system;

Definitions

"Home school student" means a student who has been excused from compulsory education and for whom documentation has been completed under Utah Code 53G-6-204.

"Statewide assessment" means:

- 1 the summative adaptive assessment of a student in grades 3 through 8 in basic skills courses;
- 2 the online writing assessment in grades 5 and 8;
- 3 the summative high school assessment in grades 9 and 10;
- 4 the statewide English Language proficiency assessment;
- 5 the college readiness assessment; and



- 6 the benchmark assessment of a student in grades 1 through 3 to measure competency.

Implementation

A home school student who is a Utah resident, as defined under Utah Code 53G-6-302, may participate in statewide assessments at Walden School as provided in this Utah Admin. Code R277-604.

A home school student may participate in statewide assessments at Walden School only if the student has satisfied the home schooling requirements of Utah Code 53G-6-204.

A home school student who desires to participate in statewide assessments may participate at Walden School if Walden School is convenient to the student's circumstances.

A home school student or parent may request the following from Walden School when participating in statewide assessments:

- 1 an annual schedule of statewide assessments dates;
- 2 the locations at which home school students may be tested;
and
- 3 written policies for home school student participation.

Walden School may not require a home school student to pay a fee that is not charged to traditional students.

Walden School will include notice to home school students or parents of any required parent or adult participation.

Walden School will include reasonable timelines for home school requests for participation and Walden School response.



Walden School will comply with the following when administering statewide assessments to a home school student:

- 1 Utah Admin. Code R277-404;
- 2 the Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy described in Utah Admin. Code R277-404-3; and
- 3 the Walden School [Assessments for Student Achievement Policy](#).

