

Religious Objection to the PSSA and Keystone Exams

Can a parent opt their child out of the PSSAs and Keystone Exams?

Yes. A parent or guardian must contact the school to inform the principal of the request to opt out. Once the principal is aware of the request, the principal will notify the District Assessment Coordinator. The District Assessment Coordinator will call the parent or guardian, who made the initial request, to schedule an appointment to view the test(s). Before viewing any of the assessments, a confidentiality agreement must be signed by the parent or guardian. No copies of the assessment can be made, taking of notes, copying of any materials or electronic devices can be used while viewing the assessment(s). After viewing the assessment(s) the parent or guardian determines their religious beliefs conflict with the exams and they may opt their child out of the assessment by writing a letter to the Superintendent. The letter needs to state their objection to the assessment(s) due to their religious beliefs.