

Dear Principal _____,

I understand that the school is required to administer the New York State math and ELA tests to all students; I also understand that I have a parental right (as confirmed by ESSA and acknowledged by city and state officials) to refuse the tests. In exercise of that right, I am writing to refuse to allow my child to participate in spring 2021 New York State tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, as well as any field tests for future state ELA and Math exams.

No one in the school or district has suggested that my child should be excluded from participating; this is my personal choice as a parent. My decision to refuse in no way reflects on the hard work and talent of the teachers, administration, or staff at the school.

Please note that city officials have stated that students cannot be punished, forced to go to summer school, held back, or forced to have a promotion portfolio solely because they did not participate in the state tests.

Thank you in advance for respecting my refusal.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Child's name (Printed)

Child's class/grade (Printed)