

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
RURAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY**

DATE ADOPTED: December 17, 2009 **FILE SECTOR: RURAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY**
DATE REVISED: June 23, 2016 **POLICY TITLE: TESTING PROGRAM**
DATE REVISED: January 26, 2017

The Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) shall establish and maintain a testing program which can be used, communicated and interpreted by school staff.

The testing program will provide:

- Assessment of the RVA's educational programs for purposes of reporting to the RVA governance board and Medford Area Public School District the overall status of the RVA and charting the growth of its students by grades and curricular areas in accordance with the RVA charter.
- Tests as required by state and federal law. Testing reports shall be made to the public in accordance with state law.
- Information used to provide appropriate educational experiences for students in areas such as remediation and acceleration, or any other areas of specialized help.
- Appropriate accommodations and alternative assessments where necessary and as indicated in the student's individualized education program (IEP). Decisions regarding the testing of limited-English proficient (LEP) students shall be made in accordance with the law.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified yearly of the standardized testing schedule and shall be provided with information regarding their child's performance on state academic assessments as soon as practicably possible after the assessment results are received from the Department of Public Instruction.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting to opt their child(ren) out of the State required testing are permitted to do so by completing the form RVA-IL-E.

The RVA shall not discriminate in the testing program on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures. This does not, however, prohibit the use of special testing or counseling materials or techniques to meet the individualized needs of students.

CROSS REFERENCE: RVA-IKE and RVA-JB

**LEGAL REFERENCE: 118.13, 118.30, 121.02 (l)(r)(s) Wis. Stats., PI 8.01(2)(r)(s),
PI 9.03(1), PI 13 of the Wis. Admin. Code, & No Child Left Behind Act of 2001**

State Testing Opt Out Form

The state examinations our students participate in each year serve as an indicator of our student's academic performance. Results of the exam are reported to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the purpose of school and district accountability.

Under current state law, parent(s)/guardian(s) are allowed to opt their children out of state testing. Please understand, should you elect to opt your child(ren) out of state testing, his/her score will be reported as a "non-tested student" when calculating overall achievement of students in the Rural Virtual Academy.

If you choose to opt your child(ren) out of the test(s), please sign the "Opt Out" form and return it to the school **no later than two weeks before the scheduled test(s)**. **Email correspondence sent from parents will constitute a signed request.**

Opt out forms are valid for the current school year only. You must complete a new opt out form each year.

Parent/Guardian Exemption Form

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

Test (check box):

- Access for ELL (Grades K – 12)
- ACT Aspire (Grades 9 – 10)
- ACT (Grade 11)
- ACT WorkKeys (Grade 11)
- DLM (Grades 3 – 11)
- Forward Exam (Grades 3 – 8 & 10)

I do not want my child(ren) to participate in the above state test(s). I understand that my child(ren)'s score on the exam(s) will be recorded as "not tested" and will be reflected as such on the school's accountability reports generated by the Department of Public Instruction.

If you have any questions, contact RVA school administration by calling: 1-888-801-2666.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date