Student Assessments

Each spring, Wisconsin students take the Forward Exam. The assessment is administered in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8, in science in grades 4 and 8, and in social studies in 4, 8, and 10.

Per the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), a parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal or the school board. Per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3., if the student is in grades 4, 8, and 9-11 the request must be granted. However, if the student is not in the above mentioned grade levels, the decision to grant the request is at the discretion of the school board.

Other frequently asked questions about the Forward Exam can be found here:

https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward