

Permission-to-Excuse Letter

TO: _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

RE: _____
Name of Student _____

In May and June of this year, students in Grade 9 throughout the province will write Provincial Achievement Tests in four subject areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Results from these Provincial Achievement Tests will provide Alberta Education, school administrators, teachers, parents, students and the public with information about what students know and can do in relation to provincial standards at the end of Grade 9. These results can be used to improve learning opportunities for students.

To ensure that they do their best when writing a Provincial Achievement Test, special format Provincial Achievement Test materials and other writing accommodations are available to students who have learning or physical disabilities and who use such accommodations regularly to support their learning. If a student is not capable of responding to a Provincial Achievement Test even with one or more writing accommodations, or if participation would be harmful to the student, a superintendent may excuse a student from writing. A superintendent's decision to excuse a student from writing a Provincial Achievement Test is based on a recommendation from the principal that is supported by the child's parent or guardian. This recommendation must also be supported with documentation such as a student's individual learning plan.

Although Provincial Achievement Test writing accommodations are available, I am considering recommending to the superintendent that your child be excused from writing the Provincial Achievement Test(s) in the following subject(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts—Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts—Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |

Principal's Signature

Please indicate whether or not you support this decision by checking one of the boxes below and returning this letter to the principal:

- I support the principal's recommendation to excuse my child.
 I do not wish my child to be excused from writing Provincial Achievement Tests.
 I would like an opportunity to discuss this recommendation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date