



## Participation of Private and HomeSchool Students in Statewide Assessment Policy

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### **Home School Student Participation**

Home school students who are Utah residents may participate in statewide assessments at Merit Preparatory Academy when possible and subject to the following requirements:

1. The student must have satisfied the home school requirements set forth in [Utah Code § 53G-6-204](#).
2. The home school student may be required to pay charges or fees associated with the test(s).
3. Merit Preparatory Academy (MPA) may require parent or adult participation in administration of statewide assessments on behalf of home school students, as appropriate.

At the request of parents or guardians of home school students, Merit Preparatory Academy shall provide a copy of the schedule of statewide assessment dates, the locations at which home school students may be tested, and Merit Preparatory Academy's policies relating to home school student participation in statewide assessments.

Parents or guardians who desire their home school student to participate in a particular statewide assessment must make the request in writing at least 30 days before the test date. Merit Preparatory Academy shall respond by email to the request within 10 days following the receipt of the request. Where the request to participate is approved, MPA shall provide written notice to the home school student and his or her parent or guardian of testing rules, including required identification and proof of residency for adults and students and implements or materials that the home school student may or may not bring or use for the test.

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### **Private School Student Participation**

Private school students who are Utah residents may be allowed by Merit Preparatory Academy to participate in statewide assessments administered at MPA subject to the following conditions:

1. The private school student's school must request permission from Merit Preparatory Academy on behalf of the student to participate.
2. The student's parent or guardian or the private school, must pay in advance the full cost to Merit Preparatory Academy for administering the testing. These testing costs include costs for materials, scoring, reporting, and State-related costs.

3. MPA shall determine in which location private school students may take the statewide assessment.
4. MPA shall determine the limits, if any, of numbers of non-public school students that can be accommodated by the school.
5. MPA may require the participating private school to provide administrators to participate in monitoring or proctoring tests, as appropriate.

Upon request of a parent or guardian of a private school student to whom Merit Preparatory Academy is administering assessments, MPA shall provide the private school, student and parent or guardian a copy of the schedule of statewide assessment dates, the locations at which private school students may be tested, and the District's policies relating to private school student participation in statewide assessments.

Private schools which desire to have their students participate in a particular statewide assessment must make the request in writing at least 30 days before the test date. Merit Preparatory Academy shall respond by email to the request within 10 days following the receipt of the request. Where the request to participate is approved, MPA shall provide written notice to the private school of testing rules, including required identification and proof of residency for staff and students and implements or materials that the private school or student may or may not bring or use for the test.

Private school students who are not Utah residents may participate in testing only upon payment, in advance, of the full cost of the individual assessments.

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