

### Notice of Non-Participation in Statewide Testing Program

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

As specified in the Florida K-12 Education Code 1008.22(3)(c)6 and required by law, participation in the testing program (FCAT) is mandatory for all students attending public schools. If a student will not participate in this testing, the School District must notify the parent of the non-participation and the implications of the non-participation.

The IEP team determined that your child will not participate in the regular statewide assessment (FCAT) because he/she met the following exclusion criteria:

- \* The student's demonstrated cognitive ability prevents the student from completing required course work and achieving the Sunshine State Standards, even with appropriate accommodations and/or modifications, **and**
- \* The student requires extensive direct instruction to accomplish the application of transfer skills and competencies needed for domestic, community living, leisure, and vocational activities.

For high school students, an additional criterion must also be met:

- \* The student is unable to complete the regular diploma program even with allowable course accommodations and adaptations.

The implications of this decision will probably be:

1. Your child may attain a Special Diploma rather than a Standard Diploma.
2. Limited access to military service.
3. Unable to enter a state university.
4. Limited access to community college programs.

Post-secondary opportunities for a student earning a Special Diploma will allow a student to be a successful, productive member of the community. Our school and district teams are available to provide information and assistance to our students and their families.

Please contact the school to schedule an IEP meeting if you have any questions.

Date sent/given to parents: \_\_\_\_\_