

513: Private School and Home School Student Participation in Public School Achievement Tests Policy

1. Purpose

St. George Academy (SGA) will help to provide opportunities for Utah private school students and home school students who are Utah residents to participate in statewide assessments in order to maintain the integrity and security of statewide assessments as prescribed by [Board Rule R277-604](#). By providing an orderly and manageable administrative process SGA will be an instrument to protect the public investment in statewide assessments and Utah's accountability system by making assessments available to students who are not funded by the public education system through fair, reasonable, and consistent practices.

2. Definitions

2.1 "Home school student" means a student who has been excused from compulsory education and for whom documentation has been completed under [Utah Code Section 53G-6-204](#).

2.2 "Private school" means a school that is not a public school but has a current business license through the Utah Department of Commerce is accredited as described in [R277-410](#) and makes available a written policy for maintaining and securing student records.

2.3 "Statewide assessment" means the summative adaptive assessment of a student in grades 3 through 8 in basic skills courses, the online writing assessment in grades 5 and 8, the summative high school assessment in grades 9 and 10, the statewide English Language proficiency assessment and the college readiness assessment.

3. Private Schools Participation

3.1 Private school students who are Utah residents, as defined under [Utah Code 53G-6-302](#), may participate in statewide assessments proctored by SGA.

3.2 Private school students who are not Utah residents may participate in statewide assessments only by payment in advance of the full cost of administering individual assessments to SGA as outlined in section 3.5.

3.3 If a private school is interested in participating in statewide assessments, SGA can allow the private school to participate with SGA's students.

3.4 A private school may request the following from SGA: an annual schedule of statewide assessment dates and SGA's written policies for private school student participation.

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3.5 The private institution will only be charged for the hourly cost of a proctor to administer the test if the private school students cannot be accommodated by the regularly scheduled assessments at SGA.

3.6 There will be no charge for testing materials supplied by the state.

4. Home School Students Participation

4.1 A home school student who is a Utah resident, as defined under [Section 53G-6-302](#), may participate in statewide assessments proctored by SGA.

4.2 A home school student may participate in statewide assessments only if the student has satisfied the home-schooling requirements of [Utah Code Section 53G-6-204](#).

4.3 A home school student or parent may request the following from SGA: an annual schedule of statewide assessment dates and SGA's written policies for private school student participation.

4.4 Home school students will not be required to pay a fee that is not charged to traditional students.

5. Procedures

5.1 Private school administrators and home school students/parents must contact SGA Administration and indicate their intent to participate in statewide assessments no later than the first week of November during the school year of participation.

5.2 SGA will provide notice to private school administrators and home school student parents of any adult requirement in monitoring or proctoring of tests four weeks before the test is administered.

5.3 SGA will comply with the Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy described in [Board Rule R277-404](#) when administering tests to Utah private school or home school students.