



# CLOVER GARDEN SCHOOL

## *Home of the Grizzlies*



### **Parent or Guardian Letter—Opting Out of Required State Testing Letter- NCDPI**

Dear (Parent or Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for taking the opportunity to express your concerns regarding the testing mandates of the Annual Testing Program. Having received your request for a waiver, Clover Garden School is truly sympathetic to your concerns.

State and federal laws require all public school students in membership (i.e., enrolled in a school) in grades 3 through 8 and high school courses requiring an end-of-course assessment, to participate in the Annual Testing Program. North Carolina does not allow any student to opt out of required state testing. The only exceptions granted are for a limited number of students who meet certain eligibility requirements or have extenuating circumstances primarily related to a significant medical emergency or condition and are unable to participate in a specific test administration. Additionally, homeschooled students are required to be assessed annually on a nationally normed standardized test.

[N.C. Admin Code 06D .0309](#) requires schools to use end-of-course (EOC) tests as “at least twenty percent (20%) of the student’s final grade.” As such, a student’s grade for these courses and overall grade-point-average calculation may be negatively impacted by not taking the required EOC state tests. Schools have the flexibility to use end-of-grade (EOG) test scores as necessary.

Please know that Clover Garden School is trying to be responsive to parents’ concerns yet must adhere to state and federal guidelines that address the educational needs of all children.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Vereyken  
Executive Director

Mrs. Ginter  
District Testing Coordinator