DEFERRAL FORM FOR THE OCTOBER 2005 EXIT LEVEL TAKS RETEST ADMINISTRATION – HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES ONLY

This form allows seniors displaced by Hurricane Katrina to be excused from the October 2005 administration of the exit level statewide test.

Passing all four of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies is required in order for students to be eligible to receive a diploma from any Texas public high school or charter school.

If it seems likely that your child will remain in Texas and seek a Texas high school diploma, you may wish your child to go ahead and test in October 2005. Additional opportunities to test will occur in the school year but deferring testing will eliminate one opportunity to pass some or all of the four required tests and cause academic diagnostic information not to be provided. Not testing in October does not preclude your child from testing at a later administration.

Please consider the options and make the decision that is in the best educational interest of your child.

I, _____ (print full name), wish my child, _____ (print full name of student), to be excused from the October 2005 exit level test administration. I understand that this may mean one less opportunity for my child to take and pass the four tests required in Texas to receive a high school diploma.

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Signature of parent/guardian

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Date

Please return this form to the school in which your child is enrolled.