

Pursuant to Mesa County Valley SD 51 policy and state law (CRS 22-7-1013), Parent/Legal guardian may excuse their child from participating in specific state-mandated assessments by signing/completing this Request for Excusal form. Parent/Legal guardian shall submit the said document, in person, to the principal of the school(s) where the child is enrolled.

Under the, **Every Student Succeeds Act** (ESSA), the Colorado Department of Education holds all schools accountable for participation numbers and how students perform on state testing. This means Colorado is responsible for having a plan in place to identify schools that are underperforming. In other words, it is a way for states to know how students are faring within each school, which is determined through standardized test scores. These scores are also used locally, within a body of evidence, to help determine placement in advanced courses/programs and to identify specific instructional needs of our students.

- The completed form must be submitted to the school prior to the start of testing.
- A separate completed form is required for EACH student.

School/Building						
Print Student Name		Student Grade	Date of Birth	Student ID / Lunch #		
Please check the assessment(s) you would like to opt your student out of. Parent/Guardian may opt students out of one or multiple subjects.						
CMAS ELA Grades 3-8	CMAS Math Grades 3-8	CMAS Science Grade 5, 8, 11	CMAS Social Studies Grade 4, 7	PSAT Grade 9 - 10	SAT Grade 11	CoAlt Colorado Alternate *Qualifying students only
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*Qualifying students that meet CoAlt criteria and is documented in an IEP as such.						

By signing below:

- ☐ I certify I have educational decision-making authority regarding this student.
- ☐ I recognize that I will not receive results of my child's achievement and growth as measured by these assessments.
- ☐ I understand that educators use these results for instructional planning, class placement and academic screening and that this information will not be available to my child's educators.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

School Secretary

- ☐ Update Testing Opt-Out Status in Synergy
- ☐ Scan this form into Synergy, Student Documents Tab
- ☐ Keep a copy on file at the school, return original to your School Assessment Coordinator

Initials:

School Assessment Coordinator

- ☐ Complete Opt-Out Status in Testing platform, as necessary
- ☐ Return to D51 Assessment Department (at end of testing window)

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