Westminster School District
California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Opt Out

Pursuant to Section 852 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, parents or guardians may annually submit a written request to the school to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP for the school year. If a parent or guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent or guardian and will be included in the student's records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: There are many advantages to taking the CAASPP. Not only are the tests an indicator of progress toward career and college readiness, but the scores are also used to meet necessary components for certain student recognitions at promotion.

- The ELA SBAC scores are used to meet criteria for ***Pathways to Biliteracy Award***.
- SBAC scores in 6th - 8th grade are used as a factor in determining eligibility for ***Honors level*** classes.
- English learners can use their overall ELA SBAC scores to meet one of the requirements to be reclassified as ***Fluent English proficient***.

If you choose to excuse your student from any or all parts of the CAASPP testing for the _____ school year, please include the following information in your written request:

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____

School: _____ Student's Teacher: _____

Grade Level: _____

Special Education: ☐ Yes ☐ No

In reference to Section 852 of Title 5 of California Code of Regulations, I am choosing to opt out my student from the following assessment(s):

☐ **English Language Arts** - Smarter Balanced or California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for ELA

☐ **Mathematics** - Smarter Balanced or California Alternate Assessments (CAA) for Math

☐ California **Science** Test or California Alternate Exam (CAA) for Science - Grade 5 or 8

Opt-out Code: ☐ Parental Request ☐ Medical Exemption - Requires a doctor's note; please attach note.

Reason for opting out:

Print Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone or Email: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand that opting out of CAASPP testing can make my student **ineligible** for certain awards, recognitions or benefits **including, but not limited** to the ***Pathways to Biliteracy Award, Reclassification as an English Learner***.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Only complete this form if you do not want your student to take one of the above exams.
Please submit your written request in person to your student's school Principal no later than the last day in March.

SOMs, please place the original in the Student's Cum file and email a copy to assessments@wsdk8.us with the subject line OPT-Out