

2017-18 State Testing Opt-Out Form

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) is an assessment system designed to measure student mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards. CMAS includes testing for English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies in grades 3 - 8. Students participate in PSAT preparatory exams in grade 9 - 10 and the SAT college entrance exam and CMAS Science in grade 11. Students who qualify for alternate assessments are those with significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate. Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is the alternative assessment for English Language Arts and Math for students in grades 3 - 11. The Colorado Alternative assessment (CoAlt) assesses Science and Social Studies.

In December of 2009, Colorado adopted revised academic content standards progressing from early school readiness to postsecondary competencies reflective of both workforce readiness and 21st century skills. Student progress toward these outcomes is measured through results from CMAS, PSAT, and SAT, which provide information to teachers as they incorporate the content standards in their daily instruction. These results are also used for school and district accountability.

By opting out, I recognize that I will not receive results of my child’s achievement and growth as measured by these assessments. I also 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.

To opt-out of state testing, this form must be filled out by the parent/guardian

Date: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Student’s Legal First Name: _____

Student’s Legal Last Name: _____

School Name: _____

Please indicate which test(s) you are opting out of for the 2017-18 school year:

Please mark the box next to the assessment you would like to opt your student out of. Parents/guardians may opt students out of one or multiple subjects.

Grades 3 - 8

- English Language Arts (All grades)
- Math (All grades)
- Science (Grades 5 & 8)
- Social Studies (Ask your school, grades 4 & 7)

Grades 9 - 11

- PSAT 9
- PSAT 10
- SAT (Grade 11)
- Science (Grade 11)
- DLM (alternate for grades 9-11)

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please share your reason for opting your child out of Colorado state testing for this school year (optional):

Parent: Please complete and sign the form and submit a printed copy to your child’s school.

School: Keep a copy on file at the school and send an electronic copy to the Assessment Department.