

## Policy – Education Program

### G.10 – Paper-Based Testing Policy

In accordance with HB15-1523, Community Leadership Academy/Victory Preparatory Academy has adopted a policy on whether students will use a computer or paper/pencil format to complete all or any portion of a state assessment that requires a student to use a computer to take the assessment. The policy takes into consideration the instructional match between the assessment and classroom instruction, test design and whether an online or paper-based testing environment will be more engaging to students, the technology capacity our buildings can sustain, and the logistical differences between giving an online test vs. managing test books.

The new computer-based assessments carry unnecessary additional pressure on CLA/VPA's staff and students. In addition to the financial pressure to acquire the technological resources needed to prepare and administer the tests, CLA/VPA has extensive concerns around the reliability and validity of these computerized state mandated assessments at this time.

CLA/VPA will continue to make every effort to secure the resources necessary to implement mandated computerized testing. However, if paper/pencil option is available, the schools will consider which format is best for students each assessment, by each grade level.

Factors CLA/VPA considered when deciding computer or paper/pencil format:

- The technological capacity and resources of the particular school/grade;
- Students' previous experience with computerized and written assessments;
- Whether the instructional methodology of the particular school/grade is consistent with the use of computerized assessments or written assessments; and
- The logistics of administering the state assessment in different formats at a particular school or schools.