

Policy – Education Program

G.11 – Parent Right of Refusal (testing)

As stated in CRS 22-7-1013(8)(a), each local education provider shall adopt and implement a written policy and procedure by which a student's parent may excuse the student from participating in one or more of the state assessments administered pursuant to Section 22-7-1006.3.

As stated in CRS 22-7-1013(8)(b), if a parent excuses his or her student from participating in a state assessment, a local education provider shall not impose negative consequences, including prohibiting school attendance, imposing an unexcused absence, or prohibiting participation in extracurricular activities, on the student or on the parent.

Legal Acknowledgments:

1. Colorado requires all students enrolled in a public school to participate in state academic assessments as specified in the state law. C.R.S. 22-7-409 (1.2)(d)(l)
2. Colorado requires the results of the Colorado student assessment program be included on each student's final report card for that school year and shall be part of the student's permanent academic record. C.R.S. 22-7-409 (1.9)
3. Colorado requires the results of the Colorado ACT (COACT) be included on each student's transcript. C.R.S. 22-7-409 (1.9)

For more information, visit the Colorado Department of Education Assessment page at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/generalinfo-colaw#Bullet2>

Policy Statement:

Colorado provides parents the right to excuse their child from state mandated testing. C.R.S. 22-7-409 (d)(l)(A), READ Act (HB 12-1238), School Readiness (SB 08-212) CAP4K, and HB 15-1323.

- a) Parents/Guardians may choose to excuse their student(s) from participation in the state-mandated standardized tests by contacting school administration.

As a result of not participating, the student(s) will not be subject to any negative consequences including, but not limited to, prohibition of school attendance, imposition of an unexcused absence, or prohibition of participation in extracurricular activities.

- b) Conventional on-site supervision cannot be guaranteed for students who do not take the state-mandated assessments. However, the school may use staff and volunteer resources to the best of its abilities to provide on-site supervision.