

## **Policy – Education Program**

### **G.11 – Parent Right of Refusal Testing**

As stated in C.R.S. 22-7-1013(8)(a), each local education provider must have a written policy that allows a parent to excuse their student from one or more of the state assessments given under Section 22-7-1006.3. Under C.R.S. 22-7-1013(8)(b), if a parent chooses this option, the school may not give the student or the parent any negative consequences. This means the student may still attend school, the absence will not be counted as unexcused, and the student will still be allowed to participate in activities.

Policy Statement: Colorado law gives parents the right to excuse their child from state-mandated testing. This includes tests required under C.R.S. 22-7-409(d)(I)(A), the READ Act (HB 12-1238), School Readiness (SB 08-212) CAP4K, and HB 15-1323.

Parents/Guardians who wish to excuse their student(s) from state-mandated standardized tests should notify school administration. Students who do not participate will not face negative consequences. They may still attend school, their absence will not be considered unexcused, and they will remain eligible for extracurricular activities.

For more information, visit the Colorado Department of Education Assessment page at:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/generalinfo-colaw#Bullet2>

**Important Exception:** Federal law requires that all English Learners take the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs assessment each year. Parents/Guardians cannot excuse their student from WIDA ACCESS, as it is the federally required measure of English language proficiency.