



State Standardized Assessment Excusal Form

Colorado Springs District 11 values the partnership we have with parents in educating students. Parents (or legal guardians) have the right to excuse their student out of specific standardized assessments, which in their determination are not in the best interests of the student. Parents who wish to excuse a student out of an assessment should notify the school administrator who oversees testing each year. This form is not required, but is provided as a means to facilitate that process.

A student who is excused from an assessment will not receive a score for that assessment. Excusing a student from a state assessment will not negatively affect a student's grade, nor will it affect the opportunities students have for participation in a full range of academic programs and services. However, standardized test scores are frequently used to determine placement in advanced courses/programs and to identify specific instructional needs of students. If a student does not take the annual state assessments, no scores will exist to support these decisions, so parents will need to work closely with educators to ensure that students have access to everything they need to be successful.

By signing below I certify that:

1. I am the parent (or legal guardian) with majority custodial rights of the following student(s):

Note: A separate form is requested for each school

Student Name(s)	Grade

2. I elect to excuse my student(s) out of the following state required standardized assessments during the _____ school year:

Test Name	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMAS - English Language Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> CMAS - Math
<input type="checkbox"/> CMAS - Science	<input type="checkbox"/> CMAS - Social Studies
Alternative tests for students with significant cognitive disabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> COALT - English Language Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> COALT - Math
<input type="checkbox"/> COALT - Science	<input type="checkbox"/> COALT - Social Studies

Parent Name (Printed)

Date

Parent Signature

Return to school principal as soon as possible.

For District Use
Received by: _____
Date: _____