



OPT-OUT/REFUSAL FORM  
CMAS Testing  
PSAT/SAT Testing  
2022-1023

Dear Parents,

Please fill out this form if you are opting your child out of the 2022-2023 school year state testing. **On the dates of the CMAS and PSAT/SAT tests your child needs to attend school. You understand that your student will be excused from state testing but must still demonstrate learning. Your child will be given an alternative learning assignment approved by administration. You understand that this form must be filled out every year to be opted out of state testing.**

**If your child is in 10th or 11th grade and you are opting them out of the PSAT 10 and SAT for 11th, please understand that if your student decides to take the PSAT or SAT at a later date they will be responsible for registering, finding test locations, and the cost of the tests will need to be covered by you. Our school district will not be providing any other testing dates for these tests.**

Please fill out and return to the school office, **no later than April 6, 2023.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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School Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

School District:

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Please circle the test your child will be opting out of.

Elementary CMAS  
(3-5)

JH/HS CMAS and PSAT/SAT  
(6-11)

Please read the FAQ on the reverse side of this sheet from Colorado State Department of Education



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I opt my child out of the CMAS test?**

CDE is asking district to document all parent refusals. It is important that you contact your local district and ask what documentation they require to opt-out.

### **If I refuse to have my child take the CMAS test, can my district's accreditation rating be lowered?**

No. The state board of education adopted a motion to not hold districts liable for the decisions of parents who do not want to allow their child(ren) to take the CMAS developed tests in English language arts and math. The motion did not include the social studies and science tests that are also part of the state's overall testing system, called Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). In December 2014, Commissioner Robert Hammond informed districts he would take a holistic approach to evaluating participation on all CMAS tests.

### **Does my district have to provide an alternative activity at school if I opt my child out of the CMAS test?**

The decision is entirely up to local school districts. Some districts are providing alternative activities while other districts are asked for children to stay at home if they are not taking the test.

### **Where can I learn more about CMAS?**

The CDE website has a great deal of information about the state tests at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetandfaq-assessment>