



## **State and Local Assessment Administration**

Colorado Early Colleges' (CEC) Governing Board believes that assessments provide valuable information for students, parents, and educators on whether students have mastered grade-level content and are on track to enroll in college level courses. Assessments also inform instructors and school staff on where to improve curriculum, instruction, and leadership to better serve students.

CEC will not impose negative consequences on a student opting out of State Assessments, impose an unreasonable burden or requirement on a student opting out of State Assessments, or encourage a parent to excuse a student from State Assessments. CEC will offer all students who are excused from testing the opportunity to participate in celebrations and incentives related to assessments.

### **Right To Opt-Out of State Assessments**

Parents/Guardians may choose to opt their student(s) out of one or more of the following state assessments without penalty:

- CMAS English Language Arts: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- CMAS Math: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- CMAS Social Studies: 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- CMAS Science: 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades
- PSAT College Preparatory Exam: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- SAT College Entrance Exam – 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- NNAT - Gifted and Talented Screener

Parents/Guardians may not opt their student(s) out of interim state required screeners/assessments such as WIDA and ACCESS for ELLs, the READ Act or local assessments such as MAPS or ACCUPLACER.

Each CEC school will communicate to parents/guardians the positives of taking State Assessments and that they may elect to opt their student out of the State Assessments listed above.

Parent Refusal forms will be available at each school. If a parent/guardian chooses to opt their student out of one of the State Assessments listed above, they will be responsible for completing the Parent Refusal form and returning the completed form to their respective school. The Parent Refusal form will be maintained by the Assessment Coordinator or Academic Dean at each CEC school.

Students attending CEC Online Campus will be required to periodically come in-person to take assessments. CEC will provide multiple in-person testing centers depending on geographic student enrollment.

### **Online vs. Paper-Based Testing**

CEC will use online testing for CMAS, PSAT, SAT, ACCESS, CoAlt English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The CMAS assessments are designed to be administered on the computer, and they feature a variety of interactive questions that are more engaging and aligned with 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning practices. However, the paper/pencil accommodation form is available for students who have it documented as an accommodation in their plan.

*\* Students with disabilities that prevent them from utilizing devices safely may meet this criterion.*

Also, students who are court-ordered to not use the *internet* are still able to test online as the TestNav software is configured to “lock-down” any internet access.

If a student is court-ordered to not use a *computer*, they will choose the Paper/Pencil option.

### **Assessment Calendars**

Each CEC school will create an Assessment calendar that:

- Lists the state and local assessments that will be administered during the school year.
- Specifies the estimated hours of each testing day that specific classes or grades will take each assessment.
- Identifies whether the assessment is required by federal law, state law, or selected by the school.

The Assessment calendar must be annually distributed to parents and posted on each school's website by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year.