



# Monument Academy

## *Board of Directors Governance and Policy*

<b>Policy Area:</b> Governance	<b>Policy #:</b> 1525
<b>Title:</b> State Assessments Refusal Policy	<b>Adopted:</b> August 20, 2015 <b>Revised:</b> February 8, 2018 <b>Revised:</b> March 11, 2021

### **I. Issue Statement**

- A. Monument Academy was founded by a group of parents who believed that they could create a school where high academic standards, small class sizes, respect, accountability, and responsibility were valued and emphasized. Their belief was grounded in the idea that a student's parent or guardian knew what was best for their child's education.
- B. The Board of Directors wishes to stay true to that vision by adopting a written policy outlining the process for a parent/guardian to exercise their choice concerning their child's participation in state-mandated assessments.

### **II. Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) Requirements**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

### **III. Policy Statement**

- A. Parents/Guardians may choose to excuse their student(s) from participation in the state-mandated standardized tests by submitting the electronic "Assessment Refusal" form(s) available on the school's website no less than 3 days before the day of testing. All refusals must be submitted electronically, paper submissions will not be accepted.
- B. 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 extra-curricular activities."

**IV. Related Documents**

- A. Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-1006.3
- B. Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-1013(8)(a)
- C. Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-1013(8)(b)
- D. Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-409

**V. Points of Contact**

- A. The following positions shall serve as points of contact for the enforcement of this policy: President of the Board of Directors and the Chief Operating Officer

**VI. Assessment Refusal Forms - (Attachments A & B)**



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## Attachment A-Policy 1525 CMAS/CoAlt Standardized Assessment Refusal

### Participant Information

Please use the NAME OF YOUR CHILD and their information as opposed to your own under the "Participant" information section. Thank you!

[Click here to SELECT or CREATE participant](#)

#### PRIMARY

\* First name

\* Last name

\* Birth date

Month  Day  2000

#### EDUCATION

\* Grade (For academic year 2020/2021)

#### ADDITIONAL

\* Refusal Due To Covid-19 Concerns

The Colorado Department of Education has stated that state standardized assessments may not be completed remotely. If you are refusing to have your child participate in state standardized assessments this year, is your reason for refusal due to health concerns related to in-person assessments and Covid-19?

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- Yes  
 No

Reason for Refusal - Other Than Covid-19 (255 characters)

Colorado State law requires we ask parents to provide a reason for refusing state standardized assessments, if your reason for refusal is unrelated to concerns about Covid-19, please indicate it in the field below:

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### Agreements

For each of the agreements below, please read the terms, check the box to mark your acknowledgement, and type your name to confirm.

#### State Standardized Assessment Refusal

I understand that Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-409 require results of Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and/or Colorado Alternate (CoAlt) state testing be included on each student's permanent academic record, including high school transcripts. I further understand that the student's record may be annotated to indicate that the scores are not available due to parent/guardian refusal.

Monument Academy has advised me that Colorado law requires students to take the tests stated above. It still is my desire to refuse the testing.

\* Yes, I agree

\* Electronic signature

Type your name

Parent/Guardian - Signatory must be 18 years of age or older



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## Attachment B-Policy 1525 PSAT/SAT Standardized Assessment Refusal

### Participant Information

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#### PRIMARY

\* First name

\* Last name

\* Birth date

Month  Day  2000

#### EDUCATION

\* Grade (For academic year 2020/2021)

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- Yes  
 No

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#### PSAT/SAT State Standardized Assessment Refusal

I understand that Colorado Revised Statutes 22-7-409 require results of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) state assessments be included on each student's permanent academic record, including high school transcripts. I further understand that the student's record may be annotated to indicate that the scores are not available due to parent/guardian refusal.

Monument Academy has advised me that Colorado law requires students to take the applicable assessment stated above. It still is my desire to refuse the assessment.

\* Yes, I agree

\* Electronic signature

Type your name

Signatory must be 18 years of age or older