



# 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 <b>Revised:</b> June 9, 2022

### **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)

**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.