



Monument Academy

Board of Directors Governance and Policy

Policy Area: Governance	Policy #: 1525
Title: State Assessments Refusal Policy	Adopted: August 20, 2015 Revised: February 8, 2018 Revised: March 11, 2021 Revised: June 9, 2022 Revised : February 20, 2024

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 District #38 and Monument Academy "Parent Refusal" form(s) available on the school's website or by hard copy from the school's front office. All refusals must be submitted to the Principal or the School Assessment Coordinator prior to the start of testing.
- 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."
- C. If a Parent/Guardian chooses to excuse their student(s) from testing once it

has begun, they will be counseled to the potential effects resulting from state reporting policy and supplied with the Parent Refusal form by an administrator to be signed immediately.

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.