

Crown Pointe Academy recognizes the Colorado State Board (CSB) of Education Resolution in Support of Parental Rights on Student Testing and Data Collection. Crown Pointe Academy will uphold the resolution that the CSB of Education has in place.

Parents that wish to opt their student(s) out of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and or the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) must set up a meeting with the Director or designee two weeks prior to the beginning of the assessment. At that time parents/guardians will be required to submit, the Parent Opt Out Form (Exhibit 1).

The Opt Out Policy includes the Colorado Alternate Assessment (CoAlt), which covers English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

The Opt Out Policy does not include any other classroom or school-wide assessments.

A student may not be opted out of an assessment unless the requirements of the Opt Out Policy have been met.

The Opt Out Policy is in accordance with Crown Pointe Academy policy: Student Performance and Evaluation Policy which states:

**“Crown Pointe Academy and student will comply with the regulatory requirements for administration of these assessments.”**

Opting out of the assessment will result in an unexcused absence, in accordance with Crown Pointe Academy Policy: School Attendance Policy, which states:

**“Excused absences”**

**The following shall be considered excused absences:**

- 1. A student who is temporarily ill or injured or whose absence is approved by the administrator of the school attendance on a prearranged basis. Prearranged absences shall be approved for appointments or circumstances of a serious nature, and only which cannot be taken care of outside of school hours.**
- 2. A student who is absent for an extended period due to physical, mental or emotional disability.**
- 3. A student who is pursuing a work-study program under the supervision of the school.**
- 4. A student who is attending any school-sponsored activity or activities of an educational nature, with advance approval by the administration.**
- 5. A student who is suspended or expelled.**

**As applicable, Crown Pointe Academy may require suitable proof regarding the above exceptions, including written statements from medical sources.**

**If a student is in out-of-home placement (as that term is defined by C.R.S. § 22-32-138(1)(e)), absences due to court appearances and participation in court-ordered activities shall be excused. The student's assigned social worker shall verify the student's absence was for a court appearance or court-ordered activity.**

**An unexcused absence is defined as an absence that is not covered by one of the above exceptions.”**

The parent/guardian must make accommodations for their student(s) who are not taking the assessments. If the student is on the school property during any part of the assessment window, which includes make up days, that student will be required to take the assessments.

The Director and Assistant Director will also keep track of the students opting out of the assessments on Infinite Campus year to year.

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Rational: In accordance with a 2015 Colorado State Department of Education mandate, Added parts from School Attendance Policy and Student Performance and Evaluation Policy, added 'of Westminster in title.changed “testing” to “assessments” added The parent/guardian must make accommodations for their student/s who are not taking the assessments. If the student is on the school property during any part of the assessment window, which includes make up days, that student will be required to take the assessments. Use the name of policy no pronouns. Replaced: “to let their student(s) opt” with “to opt their student(s)” also “The Director or Director’s Designee of Crown Pointe Academy will be the only way to opt out the student.” with “A student may not be opted out of an assessment unless the requirements of the Opt Out Policy have been met.” “The Director and Assistant Director will also track the Parent Refusals year to year and keep a record of all Parent Refusals.” with “The Director and Assistant Director will also keep track of the students opting out of the assessments on Infinite Campus year to year.”