



2025 STATE TEST OPT-OUT FORM

In the state of Colorado, all school districts, including Elizabeth Schools, are required to administer various tests to students: CMAS (Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies), CoAlt (alternative English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments), PSAT (preliminary College Admissions) and SAT (College Admissions) per C.R.S. 22-7-409.

However, as provided for in-state and federal law and district policy, parents may excuse their student from taking the state-mandated tests: CMAS, PSAT, and SAT. While we encourage all students to participate and do their best, we support individual family choices.

As a district, each school uses the data gathered from these tests as one measure for determining student and curricular needs. For example, at Elementary and Middle School levels, the state test scores are one measure utilized for G/T placement. At the High School the change to PSAT will provide better articulated data to support students on the SAT for college entrance as Juniors.

If parents determine they would like to opt their student out of taking these assessments, we encourage you to submit their requests for exemption at the earliest possible date each year so the schools may plan accordingly.

If you choose to excuse your student from one or more state assessments, please complete the following information, sign it, and provide it to the school principal.

I, _____ (print parent name) excuse my student,

_____ (student name) in grade _____ from participating in

the assessments indicated below (check all that apply):

- ☐ CMAS English Language Arts - 3rd - 8th grade (April 7- April 25)
- ☐ CMAS Math – 3rd – 8th grade (April 7- April 25)
- ☐ CMAS Science – 5th, 8th grade (April 7- April 25)
- ☐ CMAS Science – 11th grade – April 11- (makeup April 18)
- ☐ CoAlt – 3rd - 8th grade, 11th grade (April 7- April 25)
- ☐ PSAT College Preparatory Exam – 9th & 10th grade – April 18, 2025 - (makeup April 23)
- ☐ SAT College Entrance Exam – 11th grade – April 17 - (make up April 23)

Note:

Elementary and Middle School students: if your student does not attend school during the testing periods, the absences for the testing period will be considered “excused.” If your student does attend school during testing periods, a study hall situation with adult supervision will be provided. There will be no direct instruction provided in place of testing.

Elizabeth High School: All students are expected to attend regardless of whether they will be testing. For those not testing, regular classes will be in session.

Parent /Guardian Name (print)

Parent /Guardian Name (Signature)

Date

Administrator Signature

Date