

March 5th, 2021

Dear CECP Families:

As many of you know, the spring semester is the season of state assessments. This means we are actively preparing for a successful week of assessments in which your student will be participating. **9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9, 10th graders will take the PSAT 10, and 11th graders will take the SAT and the CMAS Science test.**

Tuesday, April 13th, Thursday, April 15th, and Friday, April 23rd have been designated for state testing based on guidelines from the Colorado Department of Education. **The SAT will be administered on Tuesday, April 13th; the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 will be administered Thursday, April 15th; and the CMAS Science test will be administered Friday April 23rd.** There will be no college prep or college bridge classes scheduled on the CECP campus during testing. All classes will resume on Friday, April 16th. Student room assignments will be posted on campus as we get closer to testing.

Please read the important points below to stay informed on the upcoming state mandated assessments:

- **11th graders** will take the **CMAS** (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) Science test on **Friday, April 23rd**. This is a computer-based test. Testing will run from approximately **7:45-12:00 p.m.**
- **11th graders** will take the **SAT** on **April 13th**. Testing will run from **7:45 am-1:30 p.m., approximately.**
- **10th graders** will take the **PSAT 10** on **Thursday, April 15th** . Testing will run from **7:45 am-12:30 p.m., approximately.**
- **9th graders** will take the **PSAT 8/ 9** on **Thursday, April 15th**. Testing will run from **7:45 am-12:30 p.m., approximately.**

Only students testing on these dates will be on campus.

We will be holding the **PSAT 10 and SAT pre-administration on the test day**. During the pre-administration, all students will complete basic information on the answer sheet (name, school, state, date of birth, etc.). In addition, there is optional and voluntary information that students can provide. **To participate in the optional questionnaire portion of the pre-administration session, students must return this**

signed consent form. Please bring the consent form the day of testing. The consent form and optional questionnaire link information are below.

CECP's Governing Board, as required by our state authorizer, the Charter School Institute (CSI), has adopted state assessment policies including a **State Assessment Opt-Out Policy** that is available on the CEC website. If you elect to opt-out, please communicate this by completing the **2021 Parent/Guardian Excusal/Opt Out Form below by Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.**

As a public charter school, we must follow the mandates of the State of Colorado. We are held to the same measures of accountability as all other traditional district schools. We understand that standardized tests are only one source of data to demonstrate accountability to the State, but at this time, this is the primary form of evidence recognized by the State. We are actively advocating to the state legislature to modify Post-Secondary and Workforce Indicators to include earned college credit hours and would like your support in this advocacy. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and their demonstration of post-secondary and workforce readiness through other measures of success including Accuplacer test scores and college credit hours earned.

We will make every effort for the state mandated testing to be as minimally disruptive as possible for CECP's students. We will implement state and local health protocols during this test, which include social distancing to the greatest extent possible, face masks, and sanitation of desks. Please be aware that there is a potential for the test to be canceled in the event of increased health concerns and health department orders. We appreciate your continued support as we work through this season of testing.

Thank you for your support in your child's education! Please refer any questions to Dr. Ruth Rhodes: ruth.rhodes@coloradoearlycolleges.org

Sincerely,

Dr. Ruth Rhodes

Assessment Coordinator, CEC Parker

Links to Student Guides, Consent Form, Opt-out Form:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/co-psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/colorado-psat10-student-guide.pdf>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/colorado-sat-school-day-student-guide.pdf>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/co-psat10-sat-sd-student-consent-form.pdf>

CECDC PARENT OPT-OUT FORM FOR STATE TESTING

Must be hand delivered to the front desk of your home campus by a parent or guardian by April 6th.

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

Grade (circle): 9 10 11

Home Campus (circle): Parker Castle Rock Inverness

TEST(s) OPTING OUT (circle): CMAS PSAT 8/9 PSAT 10 SAT

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE: _____

Received by: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____