

## Dear Legacy Academy Families:

As a public school, Legacy Academy is required by state and federal statute to assess all of our full-time students. Our third through eighth grade students will begin taking the statewide assessments that are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards, in April. These tests measure real world skills like problem solving, communicating, and thinking critically -- skills that are critical to success in college and careers for the 21st Century. The assessments examine students' knowledge in English language arts, math, science, and social studies.

These tests are just one measure of a student's progress, but they are the only common measurement across the state that helps us to understand how our school is performing. The sessions are aligned to the work already being done in the classroom, and the results can help teachers improve or modify their instruction to meet each child's needs. Current assessments are designed to help reveal how students are progressing, but the information won't be available unless students complete the tests.

This year the state has adjusted the length of tests for our students in an effort to be more consistent across the grade levels. While we encourage all students to participate and do their best, we also support individual family choice. State and federal legislation, and board policy allows parents to excuse their students from participating in one or more state assessments. Please contact Legacy's office if you wish to discuss our school's policy.

## Legacy Academy CMAS Schedule - Spring 2018

	Testing Dates*	Grade Levels Tested	<u>Approximate Time</u> ( <u>total)</u>
English Language Arts	April 3 & 4	Grades 3 – 8	4½ – 5½ hours
Mathematics	April 5 & 6	Grades 3 – 8	3¼ hours
Science	April 10 & 11	Grades 5 & 8	4 hours

\*Alternate dates may be necessary if there are weather related delays. Make up tests will be scheduled as needed from 4/4/17 – 4/21/17.

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Thank you for your continued support for Legacy Academy and thank you for trusting us with your students. If you have any questions about these assessments, or the testing schedule, please feel free to contact us. The Colorado Department of Education has developed a list of answers to frequently asked questions that can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs-assessment">https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs-assessment</a>.

Sincerely,

Kurt Naber Legacy Academy - Principal / Executive Director



## 2018 Statewide Assessments Opt Out Form - Legacy Academy

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If parents/guardians wish to excuse their student(s) from one or more of the state assessments, you must submit the following information to the Legacy Academy main office prior to the start of the testing session(s). We ask that parents complete, sign, and submit this form prior to the week of April 2nd to enable the school's staff to plan accordingly for each test session. Please use multiple forms to excuse more than one student from statewide assessments.

	I	(print parent/guardian first and last name) excuse my student,					
		(print studen	t first and last name	e) in grade	from participating in		
	the assessment(s) indicated below:						
		English Lan	guage Arts	(April 3 & 4)			
		Mathematic	:s	(April 5 & 6)			
		Science		(April 10 & 11	1)		
noted any of eport	nts who will not be taking statewide above. There will be <u>no</u> direct instructions the testing periods noted above. State to school during these specific times and communication about the exact	ction, and <u>no</u> udents who a s but should k	adult supervision p re excused by their pe present immedia	provided for studen parent/guardian front pately following the s	ts who are excused from om assessments should not sessions noted above.		
					(parent/guardian initials)		
	Parent/Guardian First & Last Name	(PRINT)	Parent/Guardian S	Signature	Date		

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