

LIBERTY SCHOOL

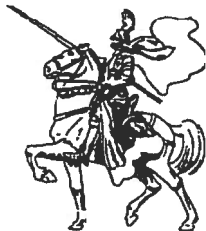
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Dear Parents and Guardians of Liberty School Students,

Public schools in Colorado required by state and federal law to administer tests annually to all students enrolled in our schools. The tests are designed to measure a student's level of proficiency in specific content areas: language arts, reading, mathematics, and science. In addition, they assess how well students have learned the skills and content outlined in Colorado Academic Standards at their particular grade levels.

The state uses our aggregated scores for accountability purposes, the federal government uses those ratings for determinations regarding the use of Title funds, and our district uses these scores to create improvement plans and to design individual approaches to educating each of our students. Due to our small size, we are able to dig into the data provided from the tests and make decisions that impact every child.

The tests mandated by the state for the school year are:

- **Nationally developed SAT college entrance exam in English, mathematics, reading, and science**
- **Nationally developed PSAT preliminary college entrance exam in reading, writing, and math**
- **PARRC developed math and English language arts assessments**
- **Colorado developed Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) science tests with selected requirements for random testing of social sciences (by selection and notification of the Colorado Department of Education for social studies)**

Colorado law and Liberty School District J-4 policy give parents the right to refuse to have their children take state tests, without any negative consequences to the student, teacher or school. If you wish to exempt your student from testing, you are required to put the request in writing. We have an opt out form available for your use. Please see the assessment calendar for dates and times of tests.

Please notify the school as quickly as possible about your decision to opt your child(ren) out of testing to allow us to develop strategies regarding testing requirements.

Sincerely yours,

**Richard C. Walter, Sr.
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