



The MVMCS Assessment Program

Students attending The Mountain Village Montessori Charter School are required to participate in State, Charter School Institute, school, and teacher assessments. The information from assessments allows parents, students, and educators to monitor progress and performance of both individuals and groups of students as well as make decisions regarding the design and implementation of instruction.

Assessment and testing results will be shared with parents and students throughout the years, especially during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is important that families understand the testing information and results which are sent home. Questions about assessment results should be directed to the student's teacher or school administrator.

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments will begin for grades 3-6 on March 26th and can run through April 20th. These online assessments are required by state law and are used by the State as a common measurement tool of students' progress in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Participating in these tests is important. Results help students, parents, and our schools understand whether students have mastered the content they need to know by the end of the school year

Additional information about the CMAS assessment can be found on the link below.

Colorado Department of Education site: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/newassess-parcc>

The MVMCS Online-Based Testing Policy

It is the policy of the Mountain Village Montessori Charter School to administer tests online to students during the State, CSI, and School required testing to the extent possible given the time, equipment, technology, staff, and space requirements for the testing.

The MVMCS Parent Refusal Policy

In compliance with HB 15-1323

MVMCS has created the following Parent Refusal Policy: MVMCS administers state testing as mandated by the School Finance Act. We are not able, as a charter public school, to opt out of testing.

Parents may refuse state testing for their children without penalty, including prohibiting school attendance, imposing an unexcused absence, or prohibiting participation in extracurricular activities.

State assessments include the following:

- Colorado Measure of Academic Success:
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science

Local interim assessments such as MAPs tests and the ACCESS test are not included in this policy.

Parent refusals do not affect a school's accreditation rating as long as refusals are clearly documented and submitted to CDE. MVMCS's participation rates and documentation of excusals are now part of the school accountability reports. Because of the amount of students testing, the variety of tests available for refusal, and the documentation we need to give to our authorizer regarding refusals, **parents must fill out a refusal form for each child for whom testing is being refused.** The refusal paperwork only applies to the current school year; parents must submit this form even if they submitted a form the prior year. As a courtesy, MVMCS requests that any refusals are submitted before the testing window begins.

MVMCS School Assessment Coordinator will track refusals and reasons for refusals. Hard copies of the refusal form will be kept in the student's cumulative file.

