

## GRADING SYSTEMS

*NOTE: Colorado school districts are required by law to adopt a regulation on this subject, and the law contains some specific direction as to the content or language. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.*

### Grading/Assessment Systems

(Exemption Procedure and Information to Parents/Guardians)

#### Parent/guardian request for exemption

In accordance with the accompanying policy, the parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the district may request that his or her child be exempt from participating in one or more state assessments.

1. The request for exemption must be submitted in writing to the school principal.
2. The parent/guardian will not be required to state the reason for asking for the exemption.
3. The request for exemption may apply to all or specific state assessments administered to the student during the school year.
4. A request for exemption will be valid for one school year. Requests for exemption from state assessments in subsequent school years require a new written request.
5. Parents/guardians are encouraged to submit their requests for exemption at the earliest possible date each school year so that the district may plan accordingly.

#### Information to parents/guardians

Each school year at the earliest possible time, the district shall distribute information to students' parents/guardians regarding the state and district assessments that the district will administer that year. This information shall also be posted on the district's website.

*NOTE 1: The information distributed to parents/guardians must include: (1) the state and local assessments that the district will administer during the school year; (2) whether the assessment is required by federal law and/or state law or is required by the district; (3) the "anticipated" calendar for administering state and district assessments; (4) the "purposes" of the state and district assessments; and (5) the "manner" in which the results will be used by the district and the Colorado Department of Education. C.R.S. 22-7-1013(7)(a).*

The district shall also distribute a district assessment calendar to students' parents/guardians at the earliest possible time each school year, and shall post the calendar on the district's website.

At a minimum, the district assessment calendar shall include:

- an estimate of the testing hours required on each testing day; and
- whether the assessment is required by federal and/or state law or was selected by the district.

*NOTE 2: Districts are not required to include “course-specific assessments that are not adopted by the [Colorado State Board of Education]” or “nonstandardized, classroom based assessments” in the district assessment calendar or in information provided to parents/guardians. C.R.S. 22-7-1013(7)(c).*

Teachers may use numerical grades; however, if letter grades are used the grading system shall be interpreted as follows:

High School:

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
D = 60 - 69  
F = below 60

Middle School:

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
D = 60 - 69  
F = 0 - 59

In using letter grades, the following will be interpreted to be as follows:

A = 4.0  
B = 3.0  
C = 2.0  
D = 1.0  
F = below 1.0

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