

Please complete by December 19, 2025

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How to log in and submit an assessment excusal:

To use the parent portal, you must have an active parent portal account. If you do not have a parent portal login, please contact your school to request an activation key.

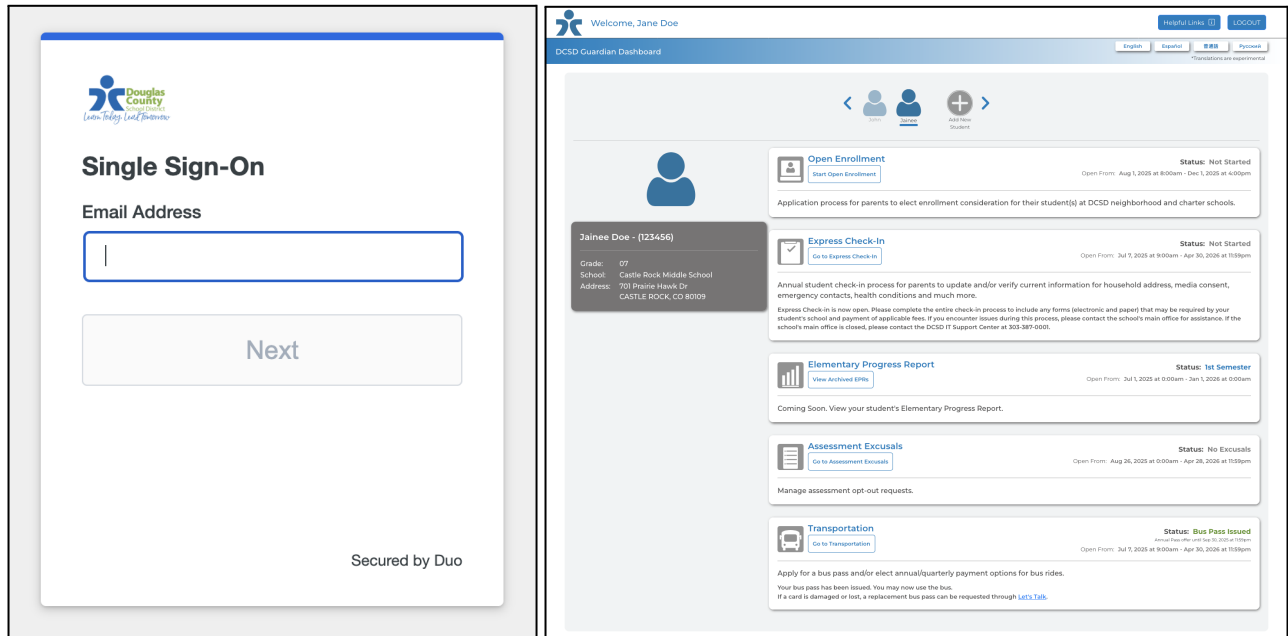
1. Go to <https://engaged.dcsdk12.org>

2. Please review the information about the proper format for your email and password presented on the splash page and outlined below. Once you have reviewed, click the “Proceed to Login” button.

To log in, you will enter an email address comprised of your **username** followed by **@p.dcsdk12.org** on the login screen that follows. For example: if **jsmith** is your username, you will enter **jsmith@p.dcsdk12.org**.

Your password is the same as you use for accessing Infinite Campus (current parent).

If you need assistance with your username or password, please go to password.dcsdk12.org.



The image displays two screenshots from the Douglas County School District parent portal. The left screenshot shows the 'Single Sign-On' login page with a 'Email Address' input field and a 'Next' button. The right screenshot shows the 'DCSD Guardian Dashboard' for a user named Jane Doe. The dashboard includes a profile card for Jane Doe (Grade 07, Castle Rock Middle School) and several service tiles: 'Open Enrollment' (Status: Not Started), 'Express Check-In' (Status: Not Started), 'Elementary Progress Report' (Status: 1st Semester), 'Assessment Excusals' (Status: No Excusals), and 'Transportation' (Status: Bus Pass Issued). Each tile contains a 'Go to' link and a brief description of the service.

3. For each student that you wish to excuse from an assessment, please locate the Assessment Excusals section and click the “Go to Assessment Excusals” link to access the State Assessment Excusal Form. Repeat the process for additional students. You may also click “Go to Assessment Excusals” link to make any changes for assessment excusals already submitted.



Assessment Excusals

Go to Assessment Excusals

Status: No Excusals

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Manage assessment opt-out requests.

4. Review Parent Acknowledgement section for information about the student assessment excusal process.

Parent Acknowledgement

Prior to selecting assessment(s) for excusal, please review the information below. By submitting an excusal request, you are acknowledging your review of this important information.

- I understand Colorado requires all students enrolled in a public school to participate in state academic assessments as specified in the state law. I also understand that Colorado provides parents the right to excuse their child from state mandated testing.
- I understand the accuracy of state accountability data is impacted when students do not participate. The true performance of my child’s school and teachers will not be captured in the state-reported achievement and growth scores.
- I understand by excusing my child from specific state testing, my child and school will not receive this specific data to track progress.
- I understand my child will not be penalized by the school for not participating in state mandated testing (including, but not limited to, prohibiting school attendance, imposing an unexcused absence, or participation in extracurricular activities).
- I understand by selecting the following assessments, I am also excusing my child from the alternate forms of the assessment:
(CoAlt: Alternate Science and Social Studies)
(CoAlt: Alternate English Language Arts and Mathematics - DLM)
- Although on-site supervision cannot be guaranteed for students who do not take the state-mandated assessments, schools may use staff and volunteer resources to the best of their abilities to provide on-site supervision. Please check with your school for availability.

5. Click the box for any available assessment you wish your student to be excused from for the current academic year. All assessments you select for excusal will be highlighted in blue with a checkmark.

Available Assessment Excusals

Based on the selected student’s current grade and/or school, the following assessments are available for excusal:

☐ CMAS ELA

☒ CMAS Math

6. Once you have selected the assessment(s) for excusal, you will click the “Confirm and Proceed” button.

Back to Guardian Dashboard

Confirm and Proceed

6a. After clicking the “Confirm and Proceed” button, you will see a pop-up confirmation that lists the assessment(s) you selected for excusal. Once you have reviewed, you will click “Submit” to complete your excusal request. Please note, if you later need to update/remove any previously submitted excusal requests, you will follow steps 3-6.

Assessment Excusal(s) Confirmation

Please confirm that you would like to opt out from the state assessments you selected for

CMAS Math

Cancel

Submit

7. For information about DCSD Policy, Colorado Statute and Legislation, scroll to the bottom of the State Assessment Excusal Form for available links and resources.

Links to DCSD Policy, Colorado Statute and Legislation

The following links provide additional information about state assessments and the excusal process.

- [DCSD Board Policy \(IK\)](#)
- [Colorado Assessment Program \(C.R.S. 22-7-409 \(d\)\(I\)\(A\)\)](#)
- [The Role of State Assessments in Increasing Academic Achievement](#)
- [About the Colorado READ Act](#)

The **Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act (Colorado READ Act)** was passed by the Colorado legislature in 2012, giving the state the guiding philosophy, structure and resources to get children reading at grade level by the time they enter the fourth grade. For specific excusal requests, parents should reach out to their school's READ Contact. Thank you.

- [Learn more about the READ Act with this overview](#)
- [Read the READ Act legislative report](#)
- [Spanish READ Act Parent Fact Sheet](#)

If you are unable to complete these steps, please email Christyn Holmes (christyn.holmes@hopeonline.org) for assistance.