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**MEMO FROM CUSD OFFICE OF  
ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT & RESEARCH**

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**DATE:** **TBD**

**TO:** **PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING CUSD (GRADES 3-9, 11)**

**FROM:** **ADAM SAX, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT**

**RE:** **ARIZONA IS NOT AN OPT-OUT STATE**

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Administration of the AASA (Grades 3-8), AzSCI (Grades 5, 8 and 11) and ACT Aspire (Grade 9), standardized assessments in English Language Arts and mathematics, is **required**. Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) has a responsibility to administer the assessment from one of our primary funding sources, Arizona Department of Education (ADE), and one of our secondary funding sources, United States Department of Education (USDOE). Failure to administer the exams, as required, could have negative consequences for CUSD schools and the district. Parents and students must understand the following:

- 1) CUSD is required to administer the AASA, AzSCI and ACT Aspire exams to students. This requirement is established through the ADE and the USDOE. A student that misses exam administration on its scheduled date but attends school on the make-up day(s) will have the exam administered at that time. A site that does not test 95% of their required students will have accountability consequences issued by the ADE via the USDOE.
- 2) The Office of the Arizona Attorney General does have an opinion published on whether parents can opt their children out of state standardized assessments. This [letter](#) specifically addresses A.R.S. § 15-102, A.R.S. § 1-601 and A.R.S. § 1-602. In short, the State of Arizona does NOT have an Opt-Out policy for state-wide testing.

If there is a question, or concern, regarding test administration requirements, including “opt-out”, contact the ADE. If there is a question about the statutory requirements to which CUSD must adhere, please contact 480-812-7674.