

2017-2018 Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Grade	Tentative Windows
ACCESS for ELLs® - Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening (English Language Learners Only)	K-12	January 8 - February 9, 2018
Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS): <u>Social Studies</u>	11	April 9 - April 27, 2018
Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS): <u>Science</u>	5, 8, 11	April 9 - April 27, 2018
Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS): <u>PARCC ELA and Math</u>	3-8	March 19 - April 27, 2018
Colorado Alternative Assessment: (DLM) Math & Language Arts; Science & Social Studies. (Only for students in Center Based Program).	3-11	March 19 - April 27, 2018
PSAT	9, 10	April 10, 11, or 12, 2018 (District Choice) Make-up testing: April 11-20, 2018
SAT	11	April 10, 2018 Make-up testing: April 24, 2017

For more specific information on units in each test and unit times please contact your building principal or the district assessment coordinator, Ms. Karagan at 303-622-9213 ext. 704.

State Level Assessments:

- 1) **ACCESS for ELLs®**: is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment given annually to Kindergarten through 12th graders who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It provides educators and parents information about the English language proficiency level in the language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. The test is administered online for grade 1st-12th. Kindergarten and the Alternate Access (for students with significant needs) is still a paper-based assessment. Students in lower grade levels will take the writing portion of the test on paper. Writing domains average for students between 60 and 65 minutes to complete. Listening, reading, and speaking range between 30-40 minutes for students to complete.
- 2) **Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Math & English Language Arts**: In compliance with legislation, Colorado joined the PARCC consortia as a governing member in August 2012. PARCC is a multi-state assessment consortium that is developing shared English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) and mathematics assessments. About 10 states participate in the consortium. As a governing member, Colorado is committed to relying on the PARCC assessment system for grades 3-8. PARCC is administered online to students using TestNav.
- 3) **Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Science & Social Studies**: Science and Social Studies assessments are administered in elementary, middle, and high schools. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 take the science assessment. The social studies assessment is administered in grades 4, 7, 11 on a sampling basis to one-third of the schools. Students take the social studies and science assessments online using TestNav.
- 4) **Colorado Alternative Assessments**: Alternate versions of the CMAS for students with significant cognitive impairment are given in areas of math, English language arts, science and social studies. The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is given in place of CMAS math and language arts during the same testing window. The DLM is an online test given to students over time in short testlets lasting only 5-10 minutes. Social studies and science are given to students in a paper-based form using manipulatives to assist students in answering questions. The test is scored locally by the test proctor.
- 5) **PSAT**: The PSAT focuses on the knowledge, skills, and understandings that research has identified as most important for college and career readiness and success. In addition to helping freshman and sophomores practice for the SAT, it can identify student's potential for success in advanced course work. The test has three components: reading, writing, and math. The assessment is paper-based. Students with significant cognitive impairment will take the DLM in place of the PSAT.
- 6) **SAT**: The SAT® is a globally recognized college admission test that provides more information to schools than ever before about student readiness and areas to target for improvement. The test focuses on the few skills and knowledge that evidence shows matter most for college and career success, and links directly to opportunities for students, including free, personalized online test practice through Khan Academy® and college application fee waivers. SAT, with and without writing, will be administered during the school day. Students with significant cognitive impairment will take the DLM in place of the SAT.