

Springfield Public Schools

DISTRICT RE-4

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Parents:

This letter contains information about the state testing that will take place during the spring 2022 semester. Springfield Schools are required by Colorado Law to administer the Colorado Measure of Academic Standards (CMAS). This year's administration includes tests in English/Language Arts and Mathematics for students in grades 3-8, and tests in Science for grades 5, 8, and 11. The administration window for these tests is March 28 to April 29 for Jr./Sr. High School and April 11 to April 29 for Elementary students.

Colorado Law also requires Springfield Schools to administer the PSAT to 10th and 9th graders on April 14 and 18, respectively and the SAT to 11th graders on April 13. These tests are roughly 3 hours each. A schedule of testing will be available on the school website as soon as it is finalized.

The results of these tests are used to help our teachers make informed decisions about the education of our students. Additionally, the SAT is one of the accepted assessments of the Colorado Graduation Guidelines. More information about Pathways to Graduation is available on the school website www.spre4.org.

Parents have the right to exempt their children from these state tests, but it must be done in writing and must indicate the testing program from which the child is released. For example, a hand signed note delivered to the building secretary stating "Please excuse (student name) from taking the CMAS tests for the 2021 school year" would suffice. At this time it is only allowable to exempt students from the CMAS, PSAT, and the SAT.

Questions regarding the state testing should be directed to Ginger Walker at 719-523-6522 or ginger.walker@spre4.org.

Thank you for your time,



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