



STATE TESTING

Spring 2022 Assessments



COLORADO
Department of Education

Overview

Colorado's state content assessment system includes the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) and PSAT/ SAT. While these annual end-of-the-year assessments are required by both state and federal laws, more importantly, they are the only common measure of students' achievement of the Colorado Academic Standards in English language arts, math, science and social studies. They are different from school- and district-level tests because CMAS measures students' progress on our state standards and allow for important analyses across the entire state and across student groups. This year's results will provide information on the learning of Colorado's students during these past couple of years of COVID. Assessment results will be a source of information to be considered in making state and federal resource decisions.

PSAT/SAT Resources:

The Khan Academy offers voluntary, optional and free practice resources for the PSAT and SAT, including paper tests, a daily practice app and a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club. Additionally, students can get connections to scholarship providers, access to online college and career planning materials and feedback about rigorous coursework.

CMAS Science Assessments:

This spring will be the first time that students will see science items developed specifically to the revised Colorado Academic Standards. Results for this year will be based on percentile ranks.

2022 Assessments

Per state and federal law, Colorado's typical state assessment schedule will resume again in the spring of 2022 with students in grades three through eight taking both ELA and math tests; students in grades five, eight and 11 will take the science test; and students in grades nine through 11 will take the PSAT/SAT.

CMAS
ELA

GRADES
3 through 8



CMAS
MATH

GRADES
3 through 8



CMAS
SCIENCE

GRADES
5, 8 & 11



PSAT

GRADES
9 & 10



SAT

GRADE
11



Why Students Take State Assessments

Statewide assessments provide valuable information for students, parents, districts, taxpayers and policy makers about overall academic performance. The assessments provide point-in-time snapshots of what students know and can do in core academic areas. The tests help students, families and educators know how students are performing compared to their peers across the state.

In addition, the statewide assessments help provide information on how well the state's education system is meeting the goals of helping every child attain academic proficiency on the Colorado Academic Standards.

2022 Assessment Calendar

APRIL 11 - 29, 2022

Official CMAS ELA, math and science administration window.

Schools may begin administering online ELA and math assessments as early as March 21, 2022.

APRIL 13, 14, or 15, 2022

PSAT administered to ninth- and 10th-grade students

APRIL 26, 27 or 28, 2022

PSAT make-up dates (district choice)

APRIL 13, 2022

SAT administered to 11th-grade students

APRIL 26, 2022

SAT make-up dates

When Will Results Be Publicly Available?

Schools and districts are scheduled to have access to their individual student level files mid-June with additional district- and school-level files and reports available throughout July. Consistent with typical years, state results are expected to be released publicly August 18th at the State Board of Education meeting.



The Core of State Assessments The Colorado Academic Standards

Standards

Created by Coloradans for Colorado students, the Colorado Academic Standards provided a road map to help ensure all students are successful in college, careers and life. The standards set expectations for what students should know and be able to do across 10 subject areas, including English language arts, math, science and social studies.

They incorporate future skills and essential knowledge that students will need to be successful later in college and careers. The statewide assessments students in Colorado take every year are aligned with these standards and help determine if students have mastered grade-level expectations by the year's end.

Key Components of the Standards

Across all 10 content areas, the standards are created to ensure students are prepared for college and careers after high school.

RIGOR

Students use inquiry, critical thinking and creative processes to solve problems

RELEVANCY

Students engage in real world scenarios that require the application and transfer of concepts and skills

DISCIPLINARY LITERACY

Students learn to speak, think, work and argue like mathematicians, artists, scientists, authors and historians

Assessments Align with Rigorous Standards

CMAS assessments align with the Colorado Academic Standards to measure student mastery of these skills and expectations. The assessments gauge student progress at the end of the school year in specific subject areas. The assessments are designed to be administered online. They feature a variety of interactive questions that are aligned with 21st century teaching and learning practices. The standards were updated in 2018 to ensure their continued relevancy.

East Otero School District R-1 (La Junta Schools)
2021-2022 School Year

Please complete this form and give the form to the building principal. This form is valid for the 2021-22 school year only.

I request that my child, _____, be exempt from taking the following Colorado State Assessments for the 21-22 school year (please mark the applicable box/boxes):

All required state assessments in the content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and college entrance.

State assessments in the following content areas:

English

Language Arts

Math

Science

Social Studies

ACT or other standardized college entrance examination required by the state.

Reason(s) I am requesting an exemption for my child: *(optional)*

Please initial the following box.

I acknowledge that the school district administration has encouraged me to have my child participate in the state assessment system as a means to provide me with information concerning my child's academic progress and growth in the areas tested by the state assessment system and my child's progress toward college and career readiness.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print)

Student Name (Please print)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date