

2016-2017 Assessment Calendar
Colorado Springs School District Eleven
Educational Data and Support Services
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DATES	ASSESSMENTS	GRADE	STUDENTS
August 18 – October 16	TS Gold for Kindergarteners	K	All
August 18 – September 16	ELAT DIBELS Next Benchmark BOY (beginning of year)	K – 3	All
August 22 – September 9	Achieve 3000 Assessment	6 – 8	All
August 18 – September 20	Fall Galileo K-12 – ELA and Math	1 – 9	Required
October 31 – November 15	Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT	2	All 2 nd grade students
December 1 – January 13	Winter Galileo K-12 – ELA and Math	1 – 9	Optional
December 5 – 20	ELAT DIBELS Next Benchmark MOY (middle of year)	K – 3	All
January 5 - 20	Achieve 3000 Assessment	6 – 8	Select students only (TBA)
January 9 - February 10	ACCESS for ELLs English Language Proficiency State Assessment	K - 12	All eligible ESL Students
January 30 – March 10	NAEP – Math, Reading, Writing, Civics, U.S. History, Geography	4 & 8	Selected subjects at selected elementary and middle schools
March 27 – 31	Spring Break		All Schools
Mar 14 – May 11	Spring Galileo K-12 – ELA and Math	1 – 9	Required
March 13 – April 14	CMAS ELA and Math	3 - 8	All 3-8 grade students
March 13 – April 14	CMAS ELA and Math	9	All 9th grade students
March 16 – April 28	CoAlt DLM ELA & Math	3 - 11	Any student who qualifies
April 17 – 28	CMAS ELA and Math Make-Up Testing	3 – 8	Students who were not ELA and/or Math tested during the testing window
April 17 – 28	CMAS ELA and Math Make-Up Testing	9	
April 10 – 21	CMAS & CoAlt – Science Computer and Paper Test	5 & 8	All 5th and 8th grade students
April 10 – 21	CMAS – Science	11	All 11th grade students
April 24 – 28	CMAS & CoAlt – Science Make-Up Testing Computer and Paper Test	5 & 8	Students who were not Science tested during the testing window
April 24 – 28	CMAS – Science Make-Up Testing	11	
April 10 - 21	CMAS & CoAlt – Social Studies Computer and Paper Test	4 & 7	One third of elementary and middle schools selected by CDE as listed below*
April 24 – 28	CMAS & CoAlt – Social Studies Make-Up Testing Computer and Paper Test	4 & 7	Students at CDE selected schools who were not tested during the testing window.
April 24 – May 12	ELAT DIBELS Next Benchmark EOY (end of year)	K – 3	All
May 1 – 19	Achieve 3000 Assessment	6 – 8	All
April 11	10th Grade PSAT	10	All 10th grade students
April 25	10th Grade PSAT Makeup	10	10th grade students who missed the April test date
April 11	Colorado SAT	11	All 11th grade students
April 11 – 14	Colorado SAT Accommodations Window	11	11th grade students with accommodations
April 25	Colorado SAT Make-Up	11	11th grade students who missed the April test date

NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11-EDSS website, <http://www.d11.org/edss/Documents/Calendar.pdf>. Accommodations for district-level tests should be in place as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year.

*The schools and the grades listed below make up the CMAS and CoAlt Social Studies Sampling Schools of 2017.

Grade 4: Academy ACL, Chipeta, Globe Charter School, Howbert, Keller, Monroe, Queen Palmer, Rogers, Twain

Grade 7: Academy ACL, Achieve Online, Galileo School of Math and Science, Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy, Mann,Russell, Sabin, Tesla EOC

The **Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)** are a series of standardized assessments designed to measure Colorado students' mastery of the Colorado academic content standards.

- The **English Language Arts** and **Math** assessments (PARCC) are administered in the spring to students in grades 3-9. The tests consist of six 40-90 minute units and measure critical thinking and problem solving skills that are important in college and the workforce. The PARCC tests evaluate student progress and show teachers and parents where a student needs help through personalized instruction that meets individual student needs. Colorado mandated in compliance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Time: 8 - 9.5 hours over several days
- The Colorado developed **Science** test is given in the spring to all students in 5th, 8th and one grade in high school. The test consists of three 60 minute units. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 3 hours
- The Colorado developed **Social Studies** test is given in the spring to a sample of students in grades 4 and 7. Approximately one third of students in these grades will take the test each year. The test consists of three 60 minute units. Colorado mandated. Time: 3 hours
- The **Colorado Alternative (CoAlt) tests** are given at the same time as the other CMAS testing. The CoAlt assessment is designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities for whom the general education assessments, even with accommodations, are not appropriate. Students must meet the Participation Guidelines to participate in this academic assessment. There are alternate tests for all four tested subjects (Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts, and Math). Alternative tests are Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA.
 - For the **alternate English Language Arts and Math** assessments, Colorado is a member of the **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) alternate assessment** consortium. DLM is a computer-delivered alternate assessment given to all students who qualify in grades 3-9. Time: 70 minutes per subject area.
 - Colorado has developed an **alternate assessment for the science and social studies** tests. These tests are paper only for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Alternate social studies tests are given to 1/3 of Colorado Students who qualify in grades 4, 7, and one grade in high school. Alternate science tests are given to all students who qualify in grades 5, 8, and one grade in high school. Time: 1 hour per subject area.

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) assessments measure a small sample of 4th and 8th grade student performance in Math or Reading at selected schools in the district. One middle school will additionally administer Writing, Civics, U.S. History and Geography. The assessment charts educational progress nationwide. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 120 minutes

Access for ELLs (English Language Learners) is a computer based online assessment that monitors student progress in acquiring academic English in the domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 2 hours

PSAT 10 is designed to measure the skills and knowledge that current research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success and serves as a check-in on student progress to help pinpoint areas for development. Educational Testing Service (ETS) administers the PSAT 10 for the College Board. The test is state mandated for tenth grade students. 4 hours.

SAT is designed to measure the skills and knowledge that current research shows are essential for college and career readiness and success. The SAT is a nationally recognized measure of academic readiness and is accepted by most colleges in the United States for admission requirements. The test is state mandated for eleventh grade students. - 4 hours

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assesses the early literacy and reading skills of students in kindergarten through sixth grade. DIBELS identifies students with reading difficulties, targets specific instructional support and monitors student progress. Colorado mandated. Compliance with the READ Act. Time: Up to 5 hours per school year

TS (Teaching Strategies) Gold for Kindergarteners is a series of 52 teacher observations that are entered online. These help evaluate a kindergartener's readiness for school. Colorado Mandated. Time: (not applicable; observations made by teacher)

Galileo K-12 is an assessment of student English Language Arts (ELA), Math and Science skills in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. The results show if the student is mastering the Colorado academic content standards. School level testing in

ELA and Math is required for grades 1-9. Kindergarten and grades 10 through 12 may also test at school discretion. Schools may also test Science. Time: Up to 6 hours per school year

Achieve3000 is a 5-Step Literacy Routine that is designed to build the skills for close reading of informational text with the explicit purpose of finding the evidence necessary to respond to a written prompt. Optional school level testing. Time: 40 minutes

CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) is an aptitude test that measures a 2nd grade student's general and specific cognitive abilities. It measures learned verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning and problem-solving skills. District mandated. Time: 2.5 hours