

2019-2020 Assessment Calendar
Colorado Springs School District 11
Educational Data and Support Services

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TS Gold for Kindergarteners	All Kindergarteners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 14 – October 11 	
Acadience Reading (DIBELS Next)	All Kindergarten – 3rd grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOY (Beginning of Year): August 19 – September 13 (schools choose a two-week window for 1st – 3rd grades within first 30 calendar days – per law, Kindergarten chooses a two-week window until November 8 – within first 90 calendar days – per law) MOY (Middle of Year): K -3rd grade. December 2 - 20 (schools choose a two-week window) EOY (End of Year): K -3rd grade. April 27 – May 15 (schools choose a two-week window) 	
Achieve 3000 Assessment	All 6th – 8th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall: August 14- will stay open until teachers log on for the first time. System will automatically test each student. Spring: May 4- Post-test. 	
Aligned District Benchmarks – ADB ELA and Math (Science optional)	All 2nd – 8th grade students (Kindergarten, 1st optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 7 - 11 Make-up week: October 16 - 21 December 9 - 13 Make-up week: December 16 - 20 March 2 - 6 Make-up week: March 11 - 16 May 4 - 8 is optional Make-up week: May 11 – 15 is optional 	
HS CCR – ELA, Math and Science (College Career Readiness)	These are <i>optional</i> assessments for grades 9 - 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October Make-up week: October November Make-up week: December February Make-up week: March 	
Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT	All 2nd grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October – November 	
ACCESS for ELLs English Language Proficiency State Assessment	All eligible Kindergarten – 12th grade ESL students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 13 - February 14 	
TIMSS	Administered on a sampling basis to 4th and 8th grade students at selected schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To be determined</i> 	
HS CMAS Science and Social Studies	11th grade students- Science Required, Social Studies (schools listed below*)
HS CoAlt Science and Social Studies	Students in 11th grade who qualify
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 6- 24 DISTRICT DECISION: Early High School Science and Social Studies window- March 23-April 10 or March 30-April 17. 	
HS CoAlt DLM ELA & Math	Any 11th grade student who qualifies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 13-24 	
CMAS ELA and Math	All 3rd – 8th grade students
CoAlt DLM ELA & Math	Any 3rd – 8th grade student who qualifies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 6 - 24 	
CMAS Science and Social Studies	Science - All 5th and 8th grade students Social Studies - 4th and 7th students from schools listed below*
CoAlt Science and Social Studies	Science – Any student in 5th and 8th grade who qualify Social Studies – Any student in 4th and 7th from schools listed below* who qualify
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 6 - 24 	
CO PSAT	All 9th and 10th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 14,15,16 (DISTRICT DECISION) April 28 OR 29 Make-ups CO PSAT test date (DISTRICT DECISION) 	
CO PSAT Accommodations Window	9th and 10th grade students with accommodations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 14-21 	
CO SAT	All 11th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 14 Initial test date April 28 Make-up CO SAT test date 	
CO SAT Accommodations Window	11th grade students with accommodations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 14-17 	

NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11 website at

*The schools and the grades listed below make-up the CMAS and CoAlt Social Studies Sampling Schools of 2020.

Grade 4: Academy ACL, Chipeta, Columbia, Globe, Howbert, Monroe, Rogers, Twain, West Elementary

Grade 7: Academy ACL, Achieve Online, Galileo, Jack Swigert, Mann, Tesla, Russell, Sabin,

Grade 11:

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 (ELA)** and **Math** assessments are administered in the spring to students in grades 3-8. The tests consist of three 90 – 110 minute ELA units and three 65 – 90 minute math units and measure critical thinking and problem solving skills that are important in college and the workforce. The CMAS 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: 3.25 to 5.5 hours over several days
- The Colorado developed **Science** test is given in the spring to all students in 5th, 8th and 11th. The test consists of three 50 – 80 minute units. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 2.5 - 4 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 80 minute units. Colorado mandated. Time: 4 hours
- The **Colorado Alternative (CoAlt) tests** are given at the same time as the 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 11. Alternate science tests are given to all students who qualify in grades 5, 8, and 11. Time: 1 hour per subject area.

The **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)** provides reliable and timely data on the mathematics and science achievement of U.S. students compared to that of students in other countries. TIMSS data have been collected from students at grades 4 and 8 since 1995 every 4 years, generally. [Find out more about the TIMSS here.](#) (64 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 9 and 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 9 and PSAT 10 for the College Board. The tests are state mandated for ninth and 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)

D11 Aligned Benchmarks are assessments of student English Language Arts (ELA) and Math skills in grades two through eight. The results show if the student is mastering the Colorado academic content standards. School level testing in ELA and Math is required for grades 2 - 8. Testing is district mandated three times per year, with an optional fourth testing window in May. 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. Required school level testing. Time: 40 minutes

CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) is an aptitude test that measures a 2nd and 6th 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