

2017-2018 Assessment Calendar
Colorado Springs School District Eleven
Educational Data and Support Services
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TS Gold for Kindergarteners	All Kindergarteners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 17 – October 13 	
DIBELS Next	All Kindergarten – 3rd grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOY (Beginning of Year): August 21 – September 15 (schools choose a two week window for 1st – 3rd grades within first 30 calendar days – per law, Kindergarten chooses a two week window until October 13 – within first 60 calendar days – per law) MOY (Middle of Year): November 27 – December 15 (schools choose a two week window) EOY (End of Year): April 23 – May 11 (schools choose a two week window) 	
Achieve 3000 Assessment	All 6th – 8th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall: August 21 – September 8 Winter: January 4 – 19 (Select students only) Spring: April 30 – May 18 	
Galileo K-12 – ELA and Math (Science optional)	All 1st – 9th grade students (Kindergarten and 10 th – 12 th optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall: August 28 – September 29 Winter: (Optional) December 1 – January 16 Spring: March 13 – May 10 	
Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT	All 2nd grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 9 – November 17 	
ACCESS for ELLs English Language Proficiency State Assessment	All eligible Kindergarten – 12th grade ESL students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 8 - February 9 	
TIMSS	Administered on a sampling basis to 4th and 8th grade students at selected schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 5 – April 13 	
CMAS Science	11th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2 - 20 	
CMAS ELA and Math	All 3rd – 8th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 – 27 	
CMAS Science	All 5th and 8th grade students
CMAS Social Studies	4th and 7th students from schools* listed below
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 - 27 	
CoAlt DLM ELA & Math	Any 3rd – 11th grade student who qualifies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 - 27 	
CoAlt Science	Students in 5th, 8th and 11th grade who qualify
CoAlt Social Studies	4th and 7th students from schools* listed below who qualify
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 - 27 	
CO PSAT	All 9th and 10th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 11 April 12 - 20 Make-ups for 9th and 10th grade students who missed the April CO PSAT test date 	
CO PSAT Accommodations Window	9th and 10th grade students with accommodations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 10 - 17 	
CO SAT	All 11th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 10 April 24 Make-up CO SAT test date 	
CO SAT Accommodations Window	11th grade students with accommodations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 10 – 13 	

NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11 website, <https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/4/AssessmentCalendar.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 2018.

Grade 4: Adams, Buena Vista, Columbia, Edison, Fremont, Henry, King, Martinez, Penrose, Roosevelt, Scott, Steele, Trailblazer, West ES
 Grade 7: Jenkins, North, West MS

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 3-8. 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 11th. 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, 7 and 11. 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 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)

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. Required 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