

2018-2019 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 15 – October 12 	
DIBELS Next	All Kindergarten – 3rd grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOY (Beginning of Year): August 20 – 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 November 15 – within first 90 calendar days – per law) MOY (Middle of Year): K -3rd grade. November 26 – December 19 (schools choose a two-week window) EOY (End of Year): K -3rd grade. April 22 – May 10 (schools choose a two week window) 	
Achieve 3000 Assessment	All 6th – 8th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall: August 15 - 30 Winter: December 10 - 19 Spring: May 6 - 20 	
District 11 Aligned Benchmarks – ELA and Math (Science optional)	All 2nd – 8th grade students (Kindergarten, 1 st optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 1 - 5 Make-up week: October 8 - 12 December 3 – 7 Make-up week: December 10 - 14 February 25 – March 1 Make-up week: March 4 - 8 May 6 – 10 <i>is optional</i> Make-up week: May 13 – 17 	
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"> September 25 – October 5 Make-up week: October 8 - 12 November 26 – 30 Make-up week: December 3 – 7 February 19 – 22 Make-up week: February 25 – March 1 	
Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT	All 2nd and 6th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 8 – November 16 	
ACCESS for ELLs English Language Proficiency State Assessment	All eligible Kindergarten – 12th grade ESL students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 14 - February 15 	
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> 	
CMAS Science	11th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 1 - 19 	
CMAS ELA and Math	All 3rd – 8th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 8 – 26 	
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 8 - 26 	
CoAlt DLM ELA & Math	Any 3rd – 11th grade student who qualifies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 8 - 26 	
CoAlt Science	Students in 11th grade who qualify
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 1 - 19 	
CoAlt Science	Students in 5th and 8th grade who qualify
CoAlt Social Studies	4th and 7th students from schools* listed below who qualify
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 8 - 26 	
CO PSAT	All 9th and 10th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 10 April 10 - 19 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 - 16 	
CO SAT	All 11th grade students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 April 23 Make-up CO SAT test date 	
CO SAT Accommodations Window	11th grade students with accommodations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9 - 12 	

NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11 website at <https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/541/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 2019.

Grade 4: Audubon, Bristol, Carver, Freedom, Grant, Jackson, Madison, McAuliffe, Midland, Rudy, Stratton, Taylor, Wilson

Grade 7: Holmes, 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 (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