

CM2023-2024 Assessment Calendar

Colorado Springs School District 11

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Education Insights

District Benchmark 3rd-11th grade students (2nd optional)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (Fall) August 21 – September 1 ➤ (Winter) December 4 – December 15 ➤ (Spring) April 1 – April 12 <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">**Reminder** - The last week of testing windows are for make-ups only</p>			
DIBELS 8 All Kindergarten – 3rd grade students			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BOY (Beginning of Year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1-3 - August 21 – September 8 (Schools choose two-week window) • Kindergarten- August 21 – November 17 (Per READ Act: rules allow 90 days for Kinder) ➤ MOY (Middle of Year): December 4 – December 20 (Schools choose two-week window) ➤ EOY (End of Year): April 22 – May 10 (Schools choose two-week window). 			
Readiness Assessment (TS GOLD) All Kindergarteners			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ August 16 – October 13 (Completed by Oct 20) 			
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 6th grade testing window (selected students only) -- September 25 - October 13 ➤ All 2nd grade -- January 8 – February 2 			
ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency State Assessment) All eligible students K-12			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ January 8 – February 9 			
CMAS ELA and Math (All students grade 3-8) CMAS Science (All 5th, 8th & 11th graders)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ April 8 - 26 			
CO PSAT 9th and 10th graders			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ April 15 - April 26 (Specific D11 Dates TBD) 			
CO SAT All 11th graders			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ April 15 - April 26 (Specific D11 Dates TBD) 			
CoAlt DLM ELA and Math Grades 9-11		CoAlt ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies Grades 3-8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aligned to Ninth Grade ELA and Math tests and SAT schedules 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aligned to CMAS testing schedule 	
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)			
Mitchell – February 2	Edison – February 6	Queen Palmer – February 12	Wilson – February 13
Bristol – February 20	Sabin – March 5	Doherty – March 7	
<p>NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11 website Calendars page. Accommodations for district-level tests should be in place as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year.</p>			
<p>Quick Reference on Federal and State Required Assessments</p>			

- **D11 District Benchmark** The Star Renaissance are computer-adaptive tests that measure student achievement on reading and math skills. As a student takes the assessment, the assessment selects items based on the student's responses. Testing is mandated three times per year, with an optional fourth testing window in May. School level testing in ELA and Math is required for grades 3-11 (K-2 is optional). District Mandated. Time: Up to 75 minutes per year.
- **DIBELS 8 (Formerly Acadience Reading)** assesses the early literacy and reading skills of students in kindergarten through sixth grade. DIBELS 8 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. This helps evaluate a kindergartener's readiness for school. Colorado Mandated. Time: (not applicable; observations made by teacher).
- **CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)** is an aptitude test that measures a 2nd grade student's general and specific cognitive ability. It measures learned verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning and problem-solving skills. District mandated. Time: 2.5 hours
- **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
- 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 to 80-minute units. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 2.5 - 4 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. Time: 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. 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 **CoAlt 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.
- **CoAlt 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 and 7. Alternate science tests are given to all students who qualify in grades 5, 8, and 11. Time: 1 hour per subject area.

- The **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** provides important information about student achievement and learning experiences in various subjects. Also known as The Nation's Report Card, NAEP has provided meaningful results to improve education policy and practice since 1969.

- 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.](#) Time: 64 Minutes