

Who Should We Test?

State Eligibility Guidelines

As districts work to ensure that every eligible student has an assessment plan in place, unique situations may arise that require additional consideration. This guidance is provided to support districts in developing and confirming accurate testing rosters.

Colorado Revised Statutes § 22-7-1006.3(2)(a-d) refers broadly to “all students enrolled” in the 9th - 11th grade in a school district. In short, all actively enrolled students should be provided with the opportunity to participate in the state-sponsored PSAT and SAT assessments. Below are a few examples of situations where questions may arise around eligibility of testing.

Chronically Absent

If a student remains enrolled in a school, the district is responsible for ensuring the student is included in testing and properly accounted for, regardless of attendance.

Dually Enrolled Students

In instances where a student is dually enrolled in both an online school and a “brick and mortar” school, both schools must work together to ensure the student is appropriately assessed and that the student’s scores are attributed to the appropriate school.

Expelled Students

If an expelled student is still receiving educational services from the district, they should be provided with the opportunity to test

Facility/Detained Students

- **Facility** - If this is an Approved Facility School (state-run facility), district-run facility, or if the student is detained, then the facility is required to administer the assessment.
- **Detained** - Students who are detained in a regional detention facility are required to take the state assessments. The district responsible for providing educational services and the detention facility is also considered the district of enrollment for state assessment administration purposes.



Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign exchange students are considered enrolled students and therefore, should be assessed.

GED Students

Eligibility for testing depends on how the student is classified by the district. If a student is officially enrolled as a full-time student at the school, the school is responsible for including the student in required testing. In some cases, districts maintain enrollment for instructional support but withdraw the student prior to testing; in such instances, the student would not be included.

If the GED program serves students who are not formally enrolled (e.g., students who have previously dropped out and are receiving support services only), the school is not responsible for testing those individuals.

Homeschooled Students - Full-Time

Full-time homeschooled students are **not eligible** to participate in Colorado's PSAT or SAT School Day administrations. Instead, these students should be directed to register for a national SAT test date through their personal College Board account and are responsible for any associated fees.

Homeschooled Students -Part-Time Public/Part-Time Homeschooled

If a homeschool student is classified by the district as being a part-time public/part-time home-schooled student (for example, if the homeschool student is taking one or more classes at their local high school or through the district such as physics, band, or choir), then the homeschool student would be **eligible** to take the school day PSAT or SAT due to their status as a part-time public school student. However, the student is **not required** to take the test with the local public school.

Retained Students

The student should take the assessment **aligned to their current grade level**, even if this results in the student taking the same assessment as in the previous year.

Suspended Students

Because students who are suspended are still enrolled in public schools, it is the district's responsibility to ensure instruction and assessment are offered to these students.