

Homeschooled Students Policy

The Colorado Department of Education would like to provide clarification regarding the participation of homeschooled students in PSAT & SAT state-sponsored assessments. Full-time homeschooled students are **not eligible to participate** in Colorado 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. Additional College Board guidance is available in the [Homeschooled and Away Students](#) resource.

This guidance is based on C.R.S. § 22-7-1006.3 (9)(b), which outlines assessment access for students in nonpublic home-based educational programs. The statute requires that, upon parent or guardian request, a local education provider must allow a homeschooled student to participate in state assessments identified in subsection (1), provided the family covers all associated administration and reporting costs.

However, subsection (1) applies only to CMAS and CoAlt assessments. The PSAT (grades 9 and 10) and SAT (grade 11) are defined separately under subsection (2) of the statute and are not included in the list of required state assessments for which access must be granted to homeschooled students.

As a result, while districts must accommodate homeschool students for CMAS or CoAlt assessments upon request (with costs covered by the family), they are not required—and are not permitted under this statute—to offer access to the PSAT or SAT School Day administrations.

An exception applies to students who are classified by the district as **part-time public and part-time homeschool students**. 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, but not required** to take the school day PSAT or SAT due to their status as a part-time public school student. The results for these students are not used in calculation of school, district, or state results (provided the district properly identifies them as part-time public/part-time home-schooled students). The student must be coded with **Code 8 – Part-Time Public/Part-Time Homeschooled Student** in the College Board Student Data Management System (SDMS) during the administration window regardless of whether they participate in testing.