

# 2026–27 District Technology Coordinator Kickoff

CDE Assessment Division  
October 20, 2026

# Welcome and Agenda

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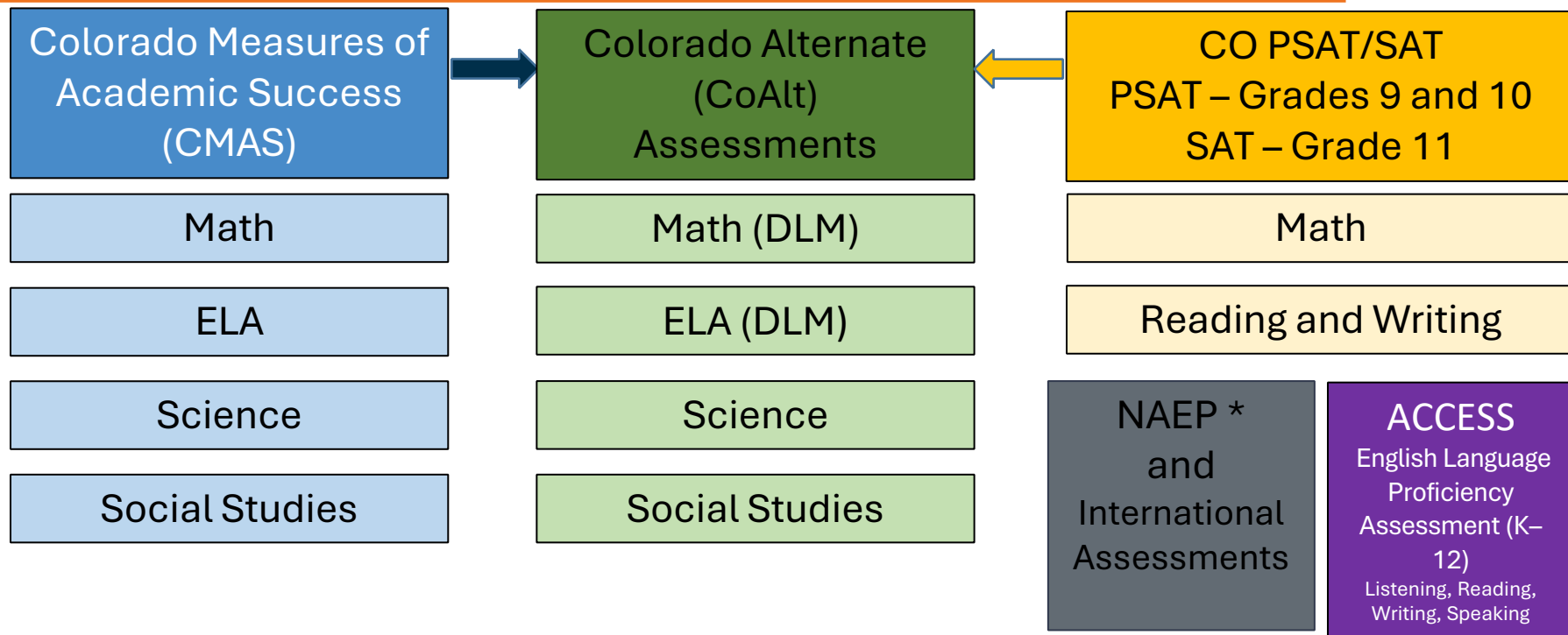
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# General Information

# 2026–27 Colorado Assessments



\*Reading and math administered in grades 4 and 8 in selected schools

# Online Assessment Platforms

| Assessment                                 | Test Engine                                                                                                          | Student Info System                                                                                   | Features                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WIDA ACCESS                                | DRC                                 | WIDA AMS                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caching server</li> <li>Clients for Windows, Linux, Mac OS, Chromebooks, iPads and Android</li> </ul>                                                                 |
| CMAS                                       |                                     |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TestNav installable app for desktop, Chromebooks, Androids and iPads</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| CoAlt Science and Social Studies           | N/A                                                                                                                  |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TestNav used by TAs to submit student responses for scoring</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| CoAlt ELA and Math (Dynamic Learning Maps) | Student Portal<br>                  | Educator Portal<br> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KITE Student Portal installed on each student device</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |
| PSAT and SAT                               | Student Portal:<br>Bluebook App<br> | Test Day Toolkit (TDTK)                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluebook is an installable app for Windows, Mac, iPad or school-managed Chromebooks</li> <li>TDTK is accessed through an established College Board account</li> </ul> |

# Chrome OS Requirements

| Devices/OS   | CMAS<br>TN Supported<br>Versions                        | ACCESS<br>Insight Supported<br>Versions | PSAT/SAT<br>Bluebook<br>Supported Versions                                       | CoAlt DLM KITE<br>Supported Versions |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chrome<br>OS | 145 Stable Channel +<br>144+ Long-term<br>support (LTS) | 144 Stable<br>Channel +                 | 144 Stable Channel +                                                             | 138 Stable Channel +                 |
|              | No tablet mode for<br>Convertible<br>Chromebooks.       |                                         | <b>Verified mode</b> is<br>required.<br>Chrome OS Flex <b>not<br/>supported.</b> | New Progressive Web<br>App.          |

# Windows OS Requirements

| Devices/<br>OS | CMAS<br>TN Supported<br>Versions | ACCESS<br>Insight Supported<br>Versions                   | PSAT/SAT<br>Bluebook Supported<br>Versions | CoAlt DLM<br>KITE |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Windows        | Windows 11 24H2                  | Windows 11 – 23H2-<br>Support ends July 2027              | Required minimum:<br>Windows 11 24H2       |                   |
|                | Windows 11 25H2                  | Windows 11 in S mode,<br>24H2, 25H2                       | Recommended<br>maximum: Windows 11<br>26H2 | Windows 11        |
|                |                                  | Not Supported: Windows<br>Server 2016, Windows 10<br>22H2 | Excluded: S mode and<br>Windows 11 SE      |                   |

# iPadOS, Linux, and macOS Requirements

|        | CMAS<br>TN Supported<br>Versions       | ACCESS<br>Insight Supported<br>Versions                            | PSAT/SAT<br>Bluebook Supported<br>Versions                           | CoAlt DLM<br>KITE                      |
|--------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| iPadOS | 18.x-26.x                              | iPadOS 17.x, 18.x, and 26.x<br>iPadOS 27.x – Fall 2026             | Required minimum: iPadOS 18<br>Recommended maximum:<br>iPadOS 26.6.1 | iOS 18.7.7-iOS 27                      |
| Mac OS | macOS 15.x and 26.x                    | macOS 14.x, 15.x macOS 26.x<br>macOS 27.x – Fall 2026              | Required minimum: macOS 15<br>Recommended maximum:<br>macOS 26.6.2   | macOS 14.8.5,<br>macOS 15,<br>macOS 27 |
| Linux  | Fedora 44<br>GNOME Shell               |                                                                    | Not Supported                                                        | Not Supported                          |
|        | Ubuntu 24 LTS,<br>26LTS GNOME<br>Shell | Ubuntu LTS, 22.04 , 24.04<br>and 26.04 version with<br>Gnome Shell |                                                                      |                                        |

# Assessment Technology Minimum Hardware Specifications 1 of 3

| Minimum Hardware Specifications | CMAS TN Supported Versions                   | ACCESS Insight Supported Versions                                           | PSAT/SAT Bluebook Supported Versions                |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Processor                       | x64 - AMD, ARM, ARM64, or Intel-based™       | Reliably run a currently <a href="#">supported operating system version</a> | 1 GHz processor                                     |
|                                 |                                              |                                                                             |                                                     |
| Memory                          | Recommended - 4 GB RAM<br>Minimum - 3 GB RAM | Chrome<br>Minimum – 2 GB RAM<br>Recommended – 4GB RAM or higher             | 1 GB RAM on Chromebook<br>2 GB RAM on other devices |
|                                 |                                              | Windows<br>Minimum – 4 GB RAM<br>Recommended – 8 GB RAM or higher           |                                                     |

# Assessment Technology Minimum Hardware Specifications 2 of 3

| Minimum Hardware Specifications | CMAS<br>TN Supported Versions                            | ACCESS<br>Insight Supported Versions | PSAT/SAT<br>Bluebook Supported Versions                 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Free Disk Space                 | Local File access to home directory<br>macOS and Windows | 1 GB                                 | 250 MB free hard drive space on iPads.                  |
|                                 |                                                          | Minimum/Recommended – 1 GB           | 1 GB free hard drive space for all other devices.       |
| Screen Size                     | 9.5-in                                                   | 9.5-in                               | 10 inches on Desktops and Laptops, 8 inches on tablets. |
| Resolution                      | 1024 x 768                                               | 1024 x 768                           | 1024 x 768                                              |

# Assessment Technology Minimum Hardware Specifications 3 of 3

| Minimum Hardware Specifications            | CMAS<br>TN Supported Versions                                     | ACCESS<br>Insight Supported Versions                               | PSAT/SAT<br>Bluebook Supported Versions          |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| External Mice, Keyboards, and touchscreens | Windows (required), iOS ( <b>recommended</b> )                    | Headset with Microphone                                            | External keyboards are <b>required</b> on iPads. |
|                                            | External keyboard and mouse (or touchpad) for touchscreen devices | Windows and ChromeOS: Both touchscreen and non-touchscreen devices |                                                  |
|                                            | Tablet mode not supported                                         | macOS and Linux: Non-touchscreen devices only                      |                                                  |
|                                            | Wired keyboards (recommended)                                     | iPadOS: iPads that support iPadOS 17.x or above                    |                                                  |

# DTC Responsibilities and Privileges

# CDE Assessment Technology Support

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- Primary technology contact for the district who works with CDE Assessment Division regarding online administration of state assessments
  - Receive critical, in-depth testing vendor communications directly from CDE during administrations
  - Communicate pertinent technology information to district stakeholders concerning the online administration of state assessments

# CMAS Support

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- DTC support for CMAS math, ELA, science and social studies
  - DTCs are escalated to Pearson's Level 2 Technical Support when contacting the help desk with questions regarding the online assessment system
  - Note: Only the one officially identified DTC for each district is escalated
- Request support directly from Collin Bonner in the CDE Assessment Division

# District Technology Coordinator (DTC) Contact Information

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- It is important to identify a DTC for the district – make sure this position is updated if there is a change
  - Superintendent-appointed
- DTC receives emails from CDE with information about training and technology updates throughout the year
- DACs received an email to identify the correct DTC contact information
  - DTC contact information is no longer published on the CDE website

# DTC Listserv

# DTC Listserv Details

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- Option to unsubscribe from this listserv reply to [DTC-signoff-request@CDELIST.CDE.STATE.CO.US](mailto:DTC-signoff-request@CDELIST.CDE.STATE.CO.US)
- Delivery errors automatically deleted from the list when:
  - errors have been reported for a period of 4 days or more or,
  - more than 100 delivery errors have been received
- I will only reach out when active DTCs receive errors.
- Contact me to request additional district subscriptions.
- Archived messages can be viewed on the [State Assessment Technology Readiness for School Districts](#) website.

# 2026–27 State Assessment Schedule

# Tentative 2026–27 State Assessment Calendar

| Assessment                              | Grade(s)     | Tentative Windows                      |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| ACCESS                                  | K through 12 | January 11 through February 12, 2027   |
| CMAS and CoAlt: Science                 | 5, 8, 11     | April 5 through 23, 2027               |
| CMAS and CoAlt: Social Studies          | 7            |                                        |
| CMAS: Math and ELA (CSLA <sup>1</sup> ) | 3 through 8  |                                        |
| CoAlt: DLM ELA and Math                 | 3 through 8  | Aligned to CMAS: Math and ELA schedule |
| CO PSAT                                 | 9 and 10     | April 12 through April 23, 2027        |
| CO SAT                                  | 11           |                                        |
| CoAlt: DLM ELA and Math                 | 9 through 11 | Aligned to PSAT and SAT schedules      |

<sup>1</sup>CSLA is for eligible multilingual learners in grades 3 and 4 only

# WIDA ACCESS<sup>®</sup>

# WIDA ACCESS Key Dates

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## ACCESS Testing Window

- Monday, January 11 – Friday, February 12, 2027

## WIDA AMS Test Setup Available

- Monday, November 23, 2026 – Thursday, February 18, 2027

# WIDA ACCESS Changes

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- New Online Accommodations
  - Assistive Technology (AT)
  - Speech-to-Text (STT)
- Windows 10 no longer supported as of DRC INSIGHT v17
- Support Ending for Windows Server 2016

# WIDA ACCESS Technology Updates

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- INSIGHT Secure Application Version 17
- New ARM installer for Windows ARM64 devices
- Central Office Services (COS) Service Device - Version 10
- Content Management
  - EWD569 - WIDA Screener - for the 2026–27 administration
  - EWD372 - Sample Items
  - EWD561 - WIDA ACCESS - for the 2026–27 administration (coming fall of 2026)

# DRC INSIGHT Network Connectivity

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- Ensure all testing devices can reach updated DRC URLs. Ports 80/http and 443/https apply to all URLs.

This information is found in the System Requirements and Testing Information section of the *Technology User Guide* located in WIDA AMS. Select the **Documents** tile.

# WIDA Access Training

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## Webinars

DRC and WIDA will host a series of [Technology Webinars for Technology Coordinators in the 2026–27](#) school year.

- Pre-Testing: Software Updates and Tech Readiness Checklist
- Pre-Testing: Technology Installations - Part 1
- Pre-Testing: Technology Installations - Part 2
- Pre-Testing: Technology Support and Online Preparedness
- WIDA ACCESS Test Security and Test Monitoring - NEW
- During Testing: Technology Troubleshooting

# **CMAS**

## **Mathematics, English Language Arts, Colorado Spanish Language Arts (CSLA), Science & Social Studies**

# CMAS: 2026 Spring Administration Analytics – Key Takeaways from Pearson

Pearson released administration analytics from the 2026 CMAS spring testing window. Below are the most important insights:

- **2,387,038 total test units** were administered with **1,271,454 test units** administered during during the peak week of April 6.
- **Chrome OS dominated**, powering **over 83% of test units**—accounting for **1,988,743 test units**.
- **2% of Colorado testers** used **Proctor Caching**.
- The **overall error rate** was **0.43%**, with **4.27 errors per 1,000 logins**.

**Actionable Insight:** With only 2% of testers using proctor caching, we are ready to move away from it. While students will continue using TestNav, Pearson's assessment management system, ADAM, will replace PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> beginning in 2027, and caching is not available.

**Want Your District's Data?** To view **District-Specific Technology Performance Metrics** specific to your district from the 2026 CMAS administration, contact [Collin Bonner](#) to request access.

# CMAS Administration Key Dates

**CMAS Assessment Window:** Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 23, 2027.

- Days on which students test are selected based on district/school preference within this window
- **Many schools do not need the full window to complete all testing**
- The most days on which an individual student would test is seven days if administering one section per day per student
- The average Colorado school day is 330 minutes for elementary schools and 360 minutes for secondary schools

| Available State Testing Window: One Section Per Day                                                    |                                                            |                                                  |                                                   |                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 5<br>ELA Section 1<br>(Grades 3-8)<br>90 minutes                                                       | 6<br>ELA Section 2<br>(Grades 3-8)<br>90 minutes           | 7<br>ELA Section 3<br>(Grades 3-8)<br>90 minutes | 8<br>Math Section 1<br>(Grades 3-8)<br>75 minutes | 9<br>Math Section 2<br>(Grades 3-8)<br>75 minutes |
| 12<br>Science Unit 1<br>(Grades 5, 8, 11)<br>OR<br>Social Studies Unit 1<br>(Grade 7)<br>50-75 minutes | 13<br>Science Unit 2<br>(Grades 5, 8, 11)<br>50-75 minutes | 14                                               | 15                                                | 16                                                |
| 19                                                                                                     | 20                                                         | 21                                               | 22                                                | 23                                                |

# CMAS Updates for 2027 - New Administration Systems

## Used by Assessment Coordinators



Manage user accounts and student registration data, access ADAM and LMS



Test administration setup, accommodations and reporting

## Used by Students

The logo for TestNav, featuring the word "TestNav" in a blue, serif font.

Student testing platform (unchanged)

- LaunchPad/ADAM use will be covered during series of DAC trainings this fall/winter
  - After introductory training in October, Assessment Coordinator training material will be accessible through LaunchPad's LMS
- CDE and Pearson will periodically disable LaunchPad/ADAM user accounts in preparation for various program activities
- Test Administrators do not need accounts to administer tests

# TestNav Components 2026–27

| Component                           | Installation                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TestNav Server side software</b> | No install required apps are automatically updated                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Desktop Client App</b>           | <p>The new app can be pushed out to Mac OS or Windows OS devices without the need to uninstall the old version</p> <p>Apps on windows stores now support auto updates</p> |
| <b>iPad Client App</b>              | Auto updates are supported                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Chromebook Client App</b>        | Auto updates are supported                                                                                                                                                |

# TestNav Requirements Policy

| OS:            | Based on manufacturer support Pearson will support:                            | Resources:                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| OS X and macOS | The two past releases as of July 15.                                           | N/A                                       |
| iOS            | The two past releases as of July 15.                                           | <a href="#">iOS Life Cycle Management</a> |
| ChromeOS       | Releases Google supports as of July 15 of the current calendar school year.    | <a href="#">Chrome Update Policy</a>      |
| Windows        | Releases Microsoft supports as of July 15 of the current calendar school year. | <a href="#">Windows Lifecycle FAQ</a>     |
| Ubuntu         | The last two long-term releases.                                               | N/A                                       |

# Site Readiness Activities 2026–27

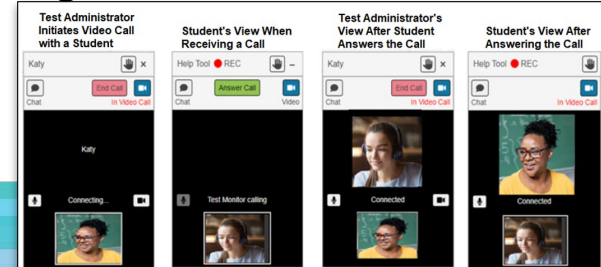
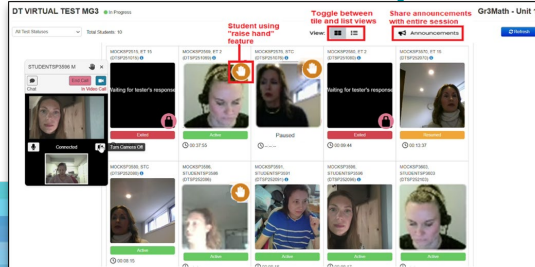
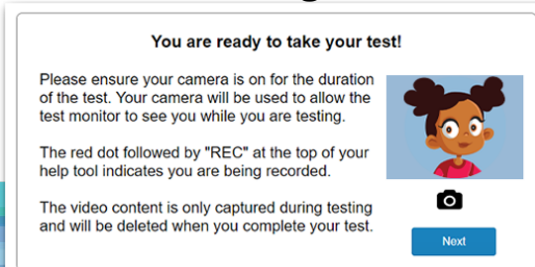
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CDE recommends:

- Conduct CMAS practice test through the ADAM Training Site
  - Provides a way to test the local online assessment environment to verify the network and student testing devices are configured correctly using CMAS items.
  - Highly recommended for districts and schools using virtualized device solutions.

# CMAS - Remote Administration §22-7-1006.3(1)(e)

- The remote administration option is available to certain online schools
  - Virtual Type = 01 (100% of instruction provided online, no in-person attendance requirements, no physical space)
  - Eligible schools can decide to administer all CMAS tests remotely, all CMAS tests in-person, or use a combination of remote and in-person CMAS administration
- At-home testing must meet the same high standards as in-person CMAS testing
  - Remote administration-specific policies and procedures must be followed
  - Separate training and administration materials are provided to participating schools in **February**
  - Parent permission is required to participate
- Districts with eligible schools were contacted in **September** to gather interest



# CoAlt English Language Arts & Mathematics (DLM)

# DLM Admin System: KITE Components

| Component                 | Software Version | Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| KITE Local Caching Server |                  | <b>Not Available</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| KITE Student Portal       | 12.0.0           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must uninstall and reinstall on Mac and PC student devices.</li><li>• Now a PWA, Chromebooks will require additional configuration.</li></ul> |

# DLM KITE Resources

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[DLM Training for District Roles](#)

[Technology Specifications Manual \(pdf\)](#)

[KITE Client whitelist settings](#)

[KITE Client bandwidth requirements](#)

[Troubleshooting Kite Upload Errors](#)

# Colorado PSAT & SAT

# Colorado PSAT and SAT

| Assessment | Grade | Administration Dates*                                                                                                          |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PSAT 9     | 9     | Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 23, 2027.<br>Dates are selected based on district/school preference within this window. |
| PSAT 10    | 10    |                                                                                                                                |
| SAT        | 11    |                                                                                                                                |

\*To the extent practicable, students taking the CoAlt DLM ELA/Math assessments who participate in a general education class should be assessed at the same time as their general education peers to avoid missed instruction

# Bluebook Changes

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- **Bluebook™ will work on Chromebooks only if verified mode is enabled.** The setting is required. This setting enhances test security. Once you enable it for the organizational unit where Bluebook is installed, any device added later will inherit the setting.
- **ChromeOS Flex** is not supported. Use of **virtual machines, thin clients, or other virtualization technology** is prohibited and could result in disciplinary measures, including score cancellation.
- Learn more about [Enabling Verified Mode](#) on the Bluebook website.

# PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT Test Times

Minimum battery life is 3 hours for SAT Suite of Assessments.

| Section | Test Times  | Test Times + Breaks (10 min) |
|---------|-------------|------------------------------|
| PSAT 9  | 134 minutes | 144 minutes                  |
| PSAT 10 | 134 minutes | 144 minutes                  |
| SAT     | 134 minutes | 144 minutes                  |

# Testing Staff Roles and Responsibilities Overview

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## Test Coordinator

- Oversees planning and test day activities for ALL students, including those with accommodations
- Works with technology staff to ensure devices being used for testing meet technical requirements and Bluebook is installed.
- Manages all staff involved in test preparation and on test day (proctors, monitors, etc.)

## Technology Coordinator

- Works with Test Coordinator and SSD Coordinator to meet student needs for test day.
- Ensures devices used for testing meet technical specifications.
- Install Bluebook on student devices for testing.
- Completes Digital Readiness Check.

# PSAT and SAT Technology Updates

Required Update Released as of September 22, 2026

| Device Type | Latest Bluebook Version         |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Windows     | VSN-0.9.725 BT-2026-09-03 20:36 |
| Chromebooks | BT-2026-09-22 20:09             |
| Macs        | VSN-1.15.0 BT-2026-09-22 20:09  |
| iPads       | VSN-1.15.0 BT-2026-09-22 20:09  |

# Bluebook Resources

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## Bluebook Technology for Professionals

- [Network Readiness](#)
- [Digital SAT Device Requirements](#)
- [Device Readiness](#)
- [Chromebook Installation](#)
- [Windows Installation](#)
- [iPad Installation](#)
- [Mac Installation](#)
- [Bluebook Updates](#)
- [Accommodations and Assistive Technology](#)

## Bluebook Technology Training

- [Tuesday, December 8 – 3PM MT](#)
- [Tuesday, December 15 – 9AM MT](#)
  - Changes from Last Year
  - Network/Device Requirements
  - Bluebook/TDTK requirements
  - Configurations for Assistive Tech
  - Best Practices
  - Where to get help

# Thank You

## **CDE Support**

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MS Teams: [Book time to meet with me](#)

# Questions?