

CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS THIS ASSESSMENT?

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success, or CMAS, is the state summative assessment for language arts, math, science and social studies. CMAS is aligned to the state's rigorous academic standards and designed to gauge how well students are mastering the standards and are prepared for their next grade.

CMAS assessments were developed collaboratively by The Colorado Department of Education, testing contractor Pearson, and Colorado educators.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

Elementary and Middle School Students

Each spring, CMAS is given to elementary and middle school students in the following grades and subjects:

- English language arts (Grades 3-8).
 - A Spanish Language Arts test is given in lieu of the English language arts test to identified 3rd and 4th grade English language learners.
- Mathematics (Grades 3-8)
- Science (Grade 5 and 8)
- Social Studies (Grade 4 and 7 in selected schools)

High School Students

9th and 10th Grade Students

Each spring, ninth and tenth grade students take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) for language arts and math. There are no CMAS assessments given at these grades.

11th Grade Students

Each spring, eleventh grade students take the following state assessments:

- SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) for language arts and mathematics
- CMAS Science
- CMAS Social Studies

CMAS is primarily an online test, conducted during the months of March and April. Check with your child's school for the specific testing schedule. Dates and times vary by school.

Colorado state assessments require an average of three to six hours, taking less than 1.5% of student instructional time to complete. All other assessments are determined at the local building level.



WHAT SCORE(S) WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Your child will receive a Student Performance Report with a performance level and score to indicate your child's overall performance on the assessment in the content area tested. Subscale scores are provided to indicate how well your child performed in each standard.

School, district, and state averages are included in the report so that you can compare your child's performance to the performance of others.



HOW WILL THESE SCORES BE USED?

CMAS results provide a picture of student performance to schools, districts, teachers, parents, and the community. Results show how students are progressing academically, which is a key component to ensuring students are on track to graduate prepared for college and career. Teachers use CMAS results to enhance instruction in order to meet individual student needs. Schools and districts use CMAS results to make adjustments to instructional programming for the following year.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We encourage you to be involved in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for ways you can help your child at home and availability of testing accommodations.

More Information: CMAS

Visit:

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/generalinfo-parents>
- Practice Tests: <https://co.testnav.com>

More Information: Assessments

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- <http://assessments.dpsk12.org>

If you have questions or concerns about assessments, please contact your child's school directly or call Family Constituency Services at (720) 423-3054.