

2020-2021 Assessment Calendar
Colorado Springs School District 11
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Educational Data and Support Services
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Readiness Assessment All Kindergarteners		
➤ Completed by Oct 22nd ***Currently suspended***		
Acadience Reading (DIBELS Next) All Kindergarten – 3rd grade students		
➤ BOY (Beginning of Year): August 24 – September 22 (schools choose a two-week window for 1 st – 3 rd grades within first 30 calendar days – per law, Kindergarten (8/24-11/21) chooses a two-week window– within first 90 calendar days) ➤ MOY (Middle of Year): K -3 rd grade. November 30- December 18th (schools choose a two-week window) ➤ EOY (End of Year): K -3 rd grade. April 26 – May 14 (schools choose a two-week window)		
Achieve 3000 Assessment All 6th – 8th grade students		
➤ Fall: TBD ➤ Spring: TBD		
Universal Screener – (In place of ADB) All 3rd – 11th grade students (2nd optional)		
➤ (BOY) August 24- September 18th ➤ (MOY) November 30-December 18th (Elementary only), January 11- January 29th (Secondary only) ➤ (EOY) April 26-May 21st		
Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT All 2nd grade students		
➤ February 1-March 19th		
ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency State Assessment) All eligible students K-12		
➤ January 11 – March 12th		
TIMSS All eligible Kindergarten – 12th grade ESL students		
➤ TBD		
CMAS ELA and Math All 3rd-8th grade students	CMAS Science All 5th, 8th & 11th graders	CMAS Social Studies All 4th and 7th graders *At selected schools
➤ April 12-April 30th		
CO PSAT All 9th and 10th graders		
➤ April 13,14,15 (Please check your schools specific testing calendar). ➤ Make-ups April 27 OR 28 (Please check your schools specific testing calendar). ➤ Accommodation Window- April 13-20th		
CO SAT All 11th graders		
➤ April 13 Initial test date ➤ April 27th Make-up date ➤ Accommodations Window- April 13-16th		
CoAlt DLM ELA and Math Grades 9-11	CoAlt ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies Grades 3-8	
➤ Aligned to PSAT and SAT schedules	➤ Aligned to CMAS testing schedule	

CMAS and Social Studies Sample Schools	
➤	Grade 4: TBD
➤	Grade 7: TBD

NOTE: All STATE-MANDATED tests and testing dates are tentative. As changes are announced, this table will be updated on the D11 website at <https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/541/Calendar.pdf>. Accommodations for district-level tests should be in place as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year.

- **TS (Teaching Strategies) Gold for Kindergarteners** is a series of 52 teacher observations that are entered online. These help evaluate a kindergartener’s readiness for school. Colorado Mandated. Time: (not applicable; observations made by teacher).
- **Acadience Reading (DIBELS Next)** assesses the early literacy and reading skills of students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Acadience 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
- **Achieve3000** is a 5-Step Literacy Routine that is designed to build the skills for close reading of informational text with the explicit purpose of finding the evidence necessary to respond to a written prompt. Required school level testing. Time: 40 minutes
- **D11 District Benchmark (Universal Screener)** are assessments of student English Language Arts (ELA) and Math skills in grades two through eight. The results show if the student is mastering the Colorado academic content standards. School level testing in ELA and Math is required for grades 2 - 8. Testing is district mandated three times per year, with an optional fourth testing window in May. Time: Up to 6 hours per school year
- **CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)** is an aptitude test that measures a 2nd grade student’s general and specific cognitive abilities. 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 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.](#) (64 Minutes)

- 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 – 80 minute units. Colorado mandated. Compliance with ESSA. Time: 2.5 - 4 hours
- The Colorado developed **Social Studies** test is given in the spring to a sample of students in grades 4 and 7. Approximately one third of students in these grades will take the test each year. The test consists of three 80 minute units. Colorado mandated. Time: 4 hours
- The **Colorado Alternative (Cobalt) 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 **alternate 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.
 - Colorado has developed an **alternate 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.
- **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. 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. - 4 hours

