

**2021-2022 Assessment Calendar**  
**Colorado Springs School District 11**  
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**Education Insights**  
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<b>Readiness Assessment</b> <b>All Kindergarteners</b>		
➤ <b>Completed by Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> ***TBD***</b>		
<b>Acadience Reading (DIBELS Next)</b> <b>All Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students</b>		
➤ <b>BOY (Beginning of Year) <b>Grades 1-3</b> - August 19<sup>th</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup> (Schools choose two-week window)</b> <b>Kindergarten</b> - August 19 <sup>th</sup> – October 14 <sup>th</sup> (Schools choose two-week window)		
➤ <b>MOY (Middle of Year): November 29<sup>th</sup>- December 17<sup>th</sup> (Schools choose two-week window)</b>		
➤ <b>EOY (End of Year): April 25<sup>th</sup>- May 13<sup>th</sup> (Schools choose two-week window).</b>		
<b>District Benchmark</b> <b>3rd-11th grade students (2<sup>nd</sup> optional)</b>		
➤ <b>(Fall) September 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
➤ <b>(Winter) November 29<sup>th</sup>- December 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
➤ <b>(Spring) February 28<sup>th</sup>- March 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
➤ <b>(EOY) May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> (Optional)</b>		
<b>Cognitive Abilities Test CogAT</b>		
➤ <b>6<sup>th</sup> grade testing window (Selected students only) - September 21<sup>st</sup>- October 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
➤ <b>All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- January 24<sup>th</sup>- February 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency State Assessment)</b> <b>All eligible students K-12</b>		
➤ <b>January 10<sup>th</sup>- February 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>TIMSS</b> <b>All eligible Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade ESL students</b>		
➤ <b>TBD</b>		
<b>CMAS ELA and Math</b> All 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade students	<b>CMAS Science</b> All 5 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> graders	<b>CMAS Social Studies</b> All 4 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> graders *At selected schools
➤ <b>April 11-29<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>CO PSAT</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders</b>		
➤ <b>April 13,14,15 (Please check your schools specific testing calendar).</b>		
➤ <b>Make-ups April 26, 27 or 28<sup>th</sup> (Please check your schools specific testing calendar).</b>		
➤ <b>Accommodation Window- April 13-20<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>CO SAT</b> <b>All 11<sup>th</sup> graders</b>		
➤ <b>April 13 Initial test date</b>		
➤ <b>April 26<sup>th</sup> Make-up date</b>		
➤ <b>Accommodations Window- April 13-16<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>CoAlt DLM ELA and Math</b> <b>Grades 9-11</b>	<b>CoAlt ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies</b> <b>Grades 3-8</b>	
➤ <b>Aligned to Ninth Grade ELA and Math tests and SAT schedules</b>	➤ <b>Aligned to CMAS testing schedule</b>	

CMAS and Social Studies Sample Schools	
➤	<b>Grade 4: TBD</b>
➤	<b>Grade 7: TBD</b>

**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
- **D11 District Benchmark** 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 3-11. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 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