



What to Expect for the 2022-2023 School Year

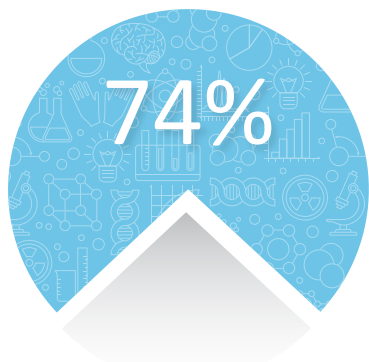


Overview

Created by Coloradans for Colorado students, the Colorado Academic Standards provided a grade-by-grade road map to help ensure all students are successful in college, careers and life. The standards set expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level across 12 content areas, including English language arts, math and science.

They incorporate the skills and essential knowledge that students will need to be successful later their lives. Every spring, Colorado public students in grades three to 11 take statewide assessments that are aligned with these standards and help determine if students have mastered grade-level expectations by year's end.

The Need for Rigorous Standards



In 2025, 74% of all jobs in Colorado

3 MILLION JOBS

WILL REQUIRE

EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Key Components of the Standards

Across all 12 content areas, the standards are created to ensure students are prepared for college and careers after high school.

RIGOR

Students use inquiry, critical thinking and creative processes to solve problems.

RELEVANCY

Students engage in real world scenarios that require the application and transfer of concepts and skills.

DISCIPLINARY LITERACY

Students learn to speak, think, work and argue like mathematicians, artists, scientists, authors and historians.

Assessments Align with Rigorous Standards

Colorado assessments align with the Colorado Academic Standards to measure student mastery of skills and expectations. The statewide tests -- Colorado Measures of Academic Success assessments -- gauge student progress at the end of the school year in English language arts and math for students in grades three through eight, as well as for science in grades, three, eight and 11.

Designed to be administered online, the assessments feature a variety of interactive questions that are aligned with 21st century teaching and learning practices.

Why Do We Need Statewide Assessments?

Statewide assessments provide valuable information for students, parents, teachers, district officials and taxpayers about overall academic performance. The assessments provide point-in-time snapshots of what students know and can do in core academic areas. The tests help students, families and educators know how students are performing compared to their peers across the state. They also help inform student academic growth over time. In addition, the statewide assessments provide information on how well the state's education system is meeting the goals of helping every child attain academic proficiency.

In the spring of 2022, students took the first full administration of the statewide assessments since the pandemic. The previous year students took a reduced number of tests, and tests were not administered in 2020. Results from tests taken in the spring of 2022 provided a more complete picture of how students performed following the disruptions and lost opportunities resulting from the pandemic.

Assessments that will be taken in the spring of 2023 will allow families and teachers to see yearly academic growth since the pandemic and will provide more insight into the areas where students continue to be impacted by the disruptions from the pandemic.

College Board's High School Assessments

Colorado students in the ninth and 10th grades take PSAT tests, which are precursors to the SAT test taken by 11th graders. The Khan Academy offers voluntary, optional and free practice resources for the PSAT and SAT, including

paper tests and a daily practice app.

Additionally, students can get connections to scholarship providers, access to online college and career planning materials and feedback about rigorous coursework.

2022-23 Tests

In spring 2023, CMAS testing will take place from April 10 – 28. Additionally, districts may begin testing as early as March 20 if they cannot complete testing within the allotted timeframe due to limitations on the number of computers or other devices needed for testing.

COLORADO STATE ASSESSMENT 2022-2023 CALENDAR

APRIL 10 - 28

Official English language arts, math, science and social studies administration window

APRIL 12 - 14

PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 administered to ninth- and 10-grade students

APRIL 12

SAT administered to 11th-grade students

SUMMER 2023

2023 Results for CMAS English language arts, math, science as well as PSAT and SAT available to schools and districts

Which Tests Will Students Take?

GRADES 3 THROUGH 8



ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
ARTS/LITERACY



MATH

GRADES 5, 8 AND 11



SCIENCE

GRADES 9 AND 10



PSAT

GRADE 11



SAT

Why Are Statewide Tests Important?

CMAS tests are the only common measuring tool for students in grades three through eight in Colorado. The PSAT and SAT, along with CMAS science, are the only common statewide tests taken by high school students. Participation is important because the results help students, parents, schools and districts understand if students have mastered the content they need to know by the end of the school year and whether they are on track for college or careers after graduation. The results also let parents know how their student is doing compared with their peers across the school, district and state. State law

requires local school boards to develop policies allowing parents to excuse their students from participating in one or more state assessments. Districts may not impose negative consequences on students who are excused from taking an assessment by their parents. Likewise, districts cannot impose burdens on students to discourage them from participating in an assessment, and they must offer all students who are excused from testing the opportunity to participate in celebrations or incentives related to the assessment.

How Will State Tests Be Used?

Parents should know whether their children are gaining the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today's complex world. CMAS, PSAT and SAT serve as Colorado's only common measurements for students, helping teachers and parents understand whether their students have mastered the content they need to know by the end of each school year to be on track for college. A large part of Colorado's educational accountability system is based on the results from state assessments. School ratings are based on average scores on state assessments as well as growth students show from year to year on assessments. The legislature in 2022 passed Senate Bill

22-137, which requires CDE to calculate frameworks in 2022-23 but suspends the automatic advancement on the accountability clock. The percentage of students contributing to the growth indicator will be added to the framework for informational purposes only. The Request to Reconsider process will be offered and can be used to exit performance watch (i.e., move to "on watch," exit the clock fully) if meeting certain conditions (e.g., Improvement plan type or higher, 90% total participation on state assessments). See the 2022 Accountability FAQ webpage for more information.

When Will Results Be Publicly Available?

Student-level CMAS results from the spring assessments are expected to be available to districts in June. The public release of school, district- and state-level summary results

of students' tests in English language arts, math, science, social studies, PSAT and SAT will be released during the August State Board of Education meeting.