

Colorado Measures of Academic Success

2016-17 TESTING AT-A-GLANCE









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2016-17 State Testing Hours (Tentative)

	 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS*	 MATH	 SOCIAL STUDIES**	 SCIENCE	 PSAT	 SAT	TOTAL HOURS
Grade 3	4.25	4	-	-	-	-	8.25
Grade 4	4.5	4	(4)	-	-	-	8.5 (12.5)
Grade 5	4.5	4	-	4	-	-	12.5
Grade 6	5.16	4	-	-	-	-	9.16
Grade 7	5.16	4	(4)	-	-	-	9.16 (13.16)
Grade 8	5.16	4	-	4	-	-	13.16
Grade 9	5.16	4.5	-	-	-	-	9.66
Grade 10	-	-	-	-	2.75	-	2.75
Grade 11	-	-	-	3	-	3***	6

Tests are broken down into individual sessions lasting between 60 and about 110 minutes

*Some Colorado students will participate in the CMAS English language arts (PARCC) 90- to 110-minute field test of questions that could be used in future years.

**Social studies assessments are administered on a sampling basis with schools participating once every three years

***Students who elect to take the additional optional essay will add about an hour to their SAT testing time

When will tests be given?

CMAS Tests

CMAS tests in science, social studies, English language arts and math will be administered in one window from **April 10 – 28**. However, the Colorado Department of Education will allow districts to begin testing earlier in English language arts and mathematics if they cannot complete testing within the allotted timeframe due to limitations on the number of computers or other devices needed for testing. The maximum test window for English Language Arts and math is six weeks.

PSAT and SAT Tests

Following the state's 10th- and 11th-grade exams transition to College Board's PSAT and SAT, 10th grade students will take the PSAT and 11th grade students will take the SAT in the spring of 2017. The 2017 initial test date for the SAT will be **April 11**. Districts will have a choice of either **April 11** or **April 12** as the initial test date for the PSAT 10.

Where can I learn more?

- www.cde.state.co.us/communications/tools
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