

Assessment Information: 2026-27 School Year

Dates	Assessment (District, State, Federal)	Grade Levels / Content Assessed	Purpose of Assessment / How Results Are Used	Length of Assessment
Fall Aug. 24– Sept. 4 (K-3) Winter Dec. 2 – Dec. 16 (K-3) Spring May 3 – May 14 (K-3)	DIBELS 8/Amplify Reading (State)	Grades K-3 Reading ELAT Project Schools test grades K-3 with DIBELS 8	Measures attainment of reading proficiency in accordance with the Colorado READ Act. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes the results for educational accountability related to the READ Act and the district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	5 to 15 minutes for each session (varies by grade level and time of year)
Fall Aug. 24 – Sept. 11 Winter Jan. 11 – Jan 29 Spring April 26 – May 14	IXL (District)	Grades K-10 Math required Grades K-2 English Language Arts (ELA) optional; 3-10 ELA required Students in grades 11-12 may access the ELA and math assessments	Measures academic progress over time for students in Math and English Language Arts. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	Time limit is 60 minutes for math and 90 minutes for English Language Arts, but testing time may be shorter depending upon the student.

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Ongoing as needed during School Year (Fall, Winter and Spring)	TS Gold Survey (State)	Grade Pre-K Academic Domains: Literacy, Math, Science and Technology, Social Studies, and the Arts Developmental Domains: Social Emotional, Physical, Language, and Cognitive Development	Measures school readiness to identify areas of strength and need in developmental and academic domains, in accordance with Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids legislation. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes the results for educational accountability related to the Achievement Plan for Kids legislation.	The length of the assessment varies as it involves teacher observation and data collection during normal class activities in which students are participating.
Sept. 21 – Nov 5	CogAT - Cognitive Abilities Test (District)	Grades 3 and 6 Verbal / Picture Analogies, Number Analogies, and Figure Matrices	Measures reasoning and problem solving. The district utilizes the data to inform instructional decisions and determine which students are eligible for talented and gifted services.	90 minutes
Jan. 11 – Feb. 12	WIDA ACCESS for English Language Learners (State, Federal)	Grades K-12 Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing	Measures student progress in English language proficiency. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes the results for educational accountability. The district utilizes the results in accordance with state guidelines to aid in determining English Language proficiency.	Kindergarten: Approximately 45 minutes total testing time. Grades 1-12: Approximately 2.5-3 hours total testing time.

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TBD	NAEP - National Assessment of Educational Progress (State, Federal)	Grades 4 and 8 Mathematics or Reading* Grade 8 – Arts, Mathematics, Reading, or Writing* Grade 12 – Writing* (*Only for selected schools)	Each year, the Colorado Department of Education selects school districts and specific schools to participate in NAEP testing. Not all grade levels (only grades 4, 8, and 12) or schools within a district may be selected for testing. The data gathered on the NAEP assessment help inform the <i>Nation's Report Card</i> . The Colorado Department of Education utilizes NAEP results to review data trends related to student progress.	Students in NAEP selected schools are assessed in only one subject area, and the testing time is between 90 and 120 minutes.
Apr. 5 – Apr. 23* *Tentative Dates	CMAS - Colorado Measures of Academic Success (State, Federal)	Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Math	Measures how students are achieving with respect to the Colorado Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Math. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	Total testing time ranges from approximately 8 to 10 hours, depending upon various factors such as grade level, math assessment taken, field test items, etc.
Apr. 5 – Apr. 23* *Tentative Dates	DLM - Dynamic Learning Maps (State, Federal)	Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Math Grades 9-11 English Language Arts and Math	Measures how students with significant cognitive disabilities are achieving with respect to Math and English Language Arts Essential Elements. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	There is an average of 7 testlets per content area, and each testlet is typically completed within 5-15 minutes, although some students may complete a testlet in less or more time. Students complete either one or two testlets per testing day.

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Apr. 5 – Apr. 23* *Tentative Dates	CMAS - Colorado Measures of Academic Success: Science (State, Federal)	Grades 5, 8, and 11	Measures how students are achieving with respect to the Science Colorado Academic Standards. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	The CMAS Science assessment contains 3 sessions. For grades 5 and 8, each session is 65 minutes in length. For grade 11 there are 2 sessions, each session is 65 minutes in length.
Apr. 5 – Apr. 23* *Tentative Dates	CoAlt (Colorado Alternate) Science (State, Federal)	Grades 5, 8, and 11	Measures how students with significant cognitive disabilities are achieving with respect to the Science Extended Evidence Outcomes. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	The CoAlt assessment is not timed, but on average, the test is completed in 30-60 minutes. Some students may complete the test in a shorter or longer time. Depending upon student need, the test may be administered in multiple sittings.
April 5 – April 23* *Tentative dates	CMAS - Colorado Measures of Academic Success: Social Studies (State, Federal)	Grade 7	Measures how students are achieving with respect to the Social Studies Colorado Academic Standards. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	The CMAS Social Studies assessment contains one session which is 65 minutes in length.

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October dates determined by each high school Apr. 12 – Apr. 23* *Tentative dates	NMSQT Colorado SAT (State)	Grade 11 English Language Arts and Math	Provides students with college and career readiness information. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	Approximately 2.25 hours
Apr. 12 – Apr. 23* Apr. 12 – Apr. 23* *Tentative dates	Colorado PSAT 9 Colorado PSAT 10 (State)	Grades 9 and 10 English Language Arts and Math	Provides students with college and career readiness information. The Colorado Department of Education utilizes results for educational accountability. The district utilizes results to monitor student progress and inform academic programming.	Approximately 2.25 hours

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