Spring 2026 CMAS Overview

Mathematics, English Language Arts including CSLA, Science, and Social Studies

Note: Information included in this overview is current as of November 2025. These plans are subject to change. Any changes are communicated to Superintendents and DACs as soon as possible.

CMAS URLs

- PearsonAccess[next] (administration management system): https://co.pearsonaccessnext.com
  - PearsonAccess[next] Training Site (sandbox environment): https://trng-co.pearsonaccessnext.com
- Download TestNav (Student Testing App): https://download.testnav.com/
- Colorado Practice Resources (CPRs): https://coassessments.com > Practice Resources
  - Computer-based tutorials and sample items, accommodated paper sample items, scoring guides, and rubrics

Pearson Customer Support

- PearsonAccess[next]: Contact COLORADO Support link
- Phone: 888-687-4759

PearsonAccess[next] User Roles

- Base Roles
  - LEA/District Test Coordinator
  - Technology Coordinator
  - School Test Coordinator
  - Test Administrator
- Add-On Roles
  - Sensitive Data*
  - Published Reports*
  - Data Files*
  - Data Respondent*
  - OnDemand Reports*
  - Student Test Update*

*Access to Personally Identifiable Information and/or Sensitive Data

Student Registration

- CDE uploads **October Count** data from **Data Pipeline** for initial registrations in PearsonAccess[next]
- **From January 12 to 30, 2026, districts can make changes** to student registration data in PearsonAccess[next] through the user interface (UI) or SR/PNP files (send/review transfer requests through UI or import/export processes)
  - Add accommodations that require physical materials (e.g., standard print, large print, braille, auditory/signed presentation scripts, visual descriptions)
  - Initial orders are derived from student registration data in PearsonAccess[next] as of **January 30, 2026**

Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP)

- File layout/field definitions posted at https://coassessments.com > Administration > Assessment Management System

Assessed Grade Levels

- Math
  - Grades 3 through 8 – all schools
- ELA
  - Grades 3 through 8 – all schools
  - CSLA available for eligible students in grades 3 and 4
- Science
  - Grades 5, 8, and 11 – all schools
- Social Studies
  - Grades 4 and 7 – selected schools only

Test Administrators

- Test Administrators must be district employees
- Student teachers may not be Test Administrators, but may serve as proctors in the CMAS testing environment
- CoAlt note: CoAlt Test Administrators must be certified teachers or licensed professionals
- Use Test Administrator Manuals (TAMs) to administer assessments in a standardized manner

Manuals and Training

- https://coassessments.com > Administration > Test Administration Resources
  - CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual
  - TAMs – shipped by vendor in March
  - PearsonAccess[next] Training Modules
  - PearsonAccess[next] Online User Guide

Initial Materials Shipment: Arrives March 24, 2026

- Test Coordinator Kits, including return shipping labels (e.g., UPS labels)
- CMAS TAM (contains information for all administrations and CBT "SAY" instructions in English and Spanish for all tests)
- Student test materials, including PBT "SAY" instructions in each accommodated paper test kit along with online transcription information (based on data in PearsonAccess[next] as of January 30, 2026)

Test Structure and Administration

- Each content area test is comprised of units; a unit is a block of testing time for students
  - Three units – grades 3 through 8 math, grades 3 through 8 ELA, grades 3 and 4 CSLA, grades 5 and 8 science
  - Two units – grade 11 science
  - One unit – grades 4 and 7 social studies
- Unit 1 for grades 6 through 8 math has two sections that are both completed during the Unit 1 testing time (a non-calculator section and a calculator section)
- Do not administer units out of order, including for make-up testing – this is a misadministration
- Can administer different tests, including accommodations, in the same environment (if same directions and unit times)
- Administer tests requiring auditory/signed presentation scripts in a separate location
  - PBT – available for English, Spanish, translation into other languages, and signed presentation
  - CBT
    - Scripts available for translation into languages *other than* English or Spanish, including signing – must place tests in separate sessions in PearsonAccess[next] (Form Group Type set to Auditory/Signed Presentation)
    - Students requiring English or Spanish auditory presentation through text-to-speech (TTS) must have headphones to test in the same environment as students without TTS; separate location required if headphones are not used
- PBT – must place tests in sessions in PearsonAccess[next] to transcribe for scoring (Form Group Type set to Transcription)

Accommodations Resources

- CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual: Section 6.0
- CDE-created Accommodations Crosswalk

- Completed Unique Accommodation Request (UAR) forms and spreadsheets (due to CDE by December 15, 2025)

Scratch Paper (provided locally)

- Must be blank, but may have lines or grid/graphed
- Must provide for PBT (all content areas)
- Must provide for CBT math; optional for other CBT content areas (notepad tool available in TestNav)

- Schools must return all used scratch paper to the district after testing – DAC uses *Scratch Paper Verification Form* and securely destroys/recycles or ships to vendor

Opening Test Packaging (plastic wrap)

- Open sealed student test kit packages no more than 4 days prior to testing

CMAS and CoAlt Administration Window: April 6 to 24, 2026

- DAC and Superintendent complete *Verification of District Training Form* before testing starts
- District- and school-determined testing windows may be shorter than the three-week state administration window

Materials Return

- PBT – Complete transcription of all paper test responses into online transcription forms (TestNav) before the end of the window (April 24, 2026) and before materials are returned to the DAC
- Math, ELA/CSLA, science, and social studies materials are returned together to the vendor
  - Use one blue label and one white UPS shipping label on each box

After Testing Forms

- DAC ensures all *Testing Irregularity or Security Breach Forms* and *Tracking Spreadsheet* are posted to CDE Assessment Syncplicity by **May 1, 2026**, if applicable
- DAC and Superintendent complete *Post-test Compliance Form* by **May 1, 2026**