

Spring 2017 Colorado State Assessment Windows

Colorado's state testing window for all spring 2017 CMAS and alternate assessments will be April 10th – April 28th. The three-week window will allow districts with the ability to have single group CMAS test units to complete all CMAS and alternate science, social studies, English language arts (ELA) and math testing while also allowing schools to test as close to the end of the school year as possible. Schools administering only paper-based tests should complete testing during this three week window, with the exception of students taking the paper-based form as an accommodation in a school taking the assessments online.

Colorado will continue to use a sampling approach for social studies. One-third of elementary and middle schools will participate in spring 2017. Colorado will be using the 2016-17 school year to investigate the possibility of using the SAT Analysis in History/Social Studies sub score as the Colorado high school social studies indicator. Therefore, social studies will not be assessed in high school in spring 2017. All social studies and science tests must be scheduled and completed between April 10th and April 28th, but districts needing more time to complete their ELA and math testing due to device numbers (i.e., the number of computers available will require multiple groups for each test unit) may begin testing those content areas earlier. The maximum test window for ELA and math will be six weeks. Six weeks will allow schools needing three groups per CMAS session to complete testing.

To the extent possible, students taking the alternate assessment in a content area for which they are participating in a general education class should be assessed at the same time as their general education peers to avoid missed instruction. Schools may also ensure that students taking the alternate assessment do not miss instruction from their general education class(es) through other means.

CMAS: science (grades 5, 8 and 11), social studies (grades 4 and 7)¹, PARCC English language arts (grades 3 through 9)² and PARCC math (grades 3 through 9)

CoAlt: science (grades 5, 8 and 11), social studies (grades 4 and 7)¹

CoAlt DLM: English language arts (grades 3 through 11) and math (grades 3 through 11)

3 weeks (science, social studies, ELA and math) April 10th – April 28th, 2017

4 weeks (additional week *only* for ELA and math) April 3rd – April 28th, 2017

5 weeks (additional weeks *only* for ELA and math) March 27th – April 28th, 2017 or
March 20th – March 24th, 2017 and April 3rd – April 28th, 2017

6 weeks (additional weeks *only* for ELA and math) March 13th – April 28th, 2017 with one week of spring break in the middle³

¹ In 2017, social studies assessments will be administered on a sampling basis to one-third of elementary and middle schools.

² This includes Colorado Spanish Language Arts (CSLA)

³ CoAlt DLM system is not scheduled to open until March 15th.

Additional Assessments

ACCESS for ELLs® (K-12th grade) January 9th – February 10th, 2017

Colorado PSAT 10⁴ April 11th or April 12th, 2017: District choice for initial test date⁴
April 25th or April 26th, 2017: District choice for make-up test date

Colorado SAT (11th grade college entrance exam) April 11th, 2017: Initial test date
April 25th, 2017: Make-up test date
April 11th – 14th, 2017: Accommodations window
April 17th – 21st, 2017: Accommodations make-up testing

⁴ If Tuesday, April 11th is chosen as the initial test date for PSAT 10, the make-up date will be Tuesday, April 25th. If the district chooses Wednesday, April 12th as the initial test date, the make-up date will be Wednesday, April 26th.