



COLORADO
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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Hope you are doing well on this first day of daylight savings. As I have been mentioning in various superintendent and BOCES meetings - CDE is required to go out to bid every 5 years for the procurement of the college entrance suite of exams. Today the Colorado Department of Education posted an award for the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade college entrance suite of exams to be administered to public school students in Colorado starting in spring 2024. The College Board's [adaptive computer-based SAT and PSAT assessments](#) have been recommended by a primarily field-based selection committee through an open, fair and competitive procurement process.

The adaptive computer-based SAT and PSAT exams are expected to be given in Colorado each spring starting in spring 2024 through spring 2028, replacing the current paper-based exams that will be administered for the last time this spring. An additional, optional writing exam will be available for 11th graders who self-select to participate. The tests are expected to be administered on Windows and Mac devices, iPads, and school-managed Chromebooks. Test administration dates for the spring 2024 PSAT and SAT school day exams will be determined through the contract negotiation process.

The selection committee recommended the computer-based SAT and PSAT exams in part because College Board's proposed exams - particularly at grades 9 and 10 - had somewhat stronger alignment to the high school Colorado Academic Standards, a statutory requirement. In addition, the committee considered the College Board's preparation and reporting systems more useful to students, as they provide greater access to free, high quality practice resources and connect students to resources and activities designed to help identify postsecondary college and career options. Lastly, because the College Board proposal offers these advantages at a significantly lower cost than the Pearson/ACT proposal, the committee found that College Board's proposal was more advantageous to the state.

The selection will become official after the conclusion of the procurement process, which includes a waiting period of 10 business days. College Board has posted information regarding their computer-based assessments that your staff may find useful:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Digital SAT® Sample Questions and Answer Explanations](#)
- [Assessment Framework for the Digital SAT® Suite](#)
- [The Digital SAT® Suite of Assessments Specifications Overview](#)

More information on Colorado's spring 2024 administration of the new computer-based PSAT and SAT exams will become available by September after the official award and contract negotiations have been completed.



The department extends its sincere appreciation to the evaluation committee for the time and energy committed to independently evaluating the proposals, attending closely to the demonstrations, and engaging thoughtfully in the deliberation process. Thank you to those of you who allowed your administrators and teachers to participate in this important selection process. The evaluation committee included a diverse group of teachers and administrators from urban, rural, and suburban districts across the state. Educators with expertise in math content, English language arts content, assessment, technology, special student populations, and guidance counseling were represented (see below for the list of evaluators). The 12 voting members of the evaluation committee were supported by three subject matter expert content review committees: English language arts, math, and technology. In all, the recommendation for the adaptive, computer-based SAT and PSAT assessments was based on the work of 21 current Colorado teachers and administrators.

During the waiting period we are limited in what can be discussed. If you have additional questions about this process or the contract award after the waiting period, please contact Allison Smith (smith_a@cde.state.co.us), assessment coordinator for the college entrance suite of exams.

My best,
Katy and Joyce Zurkowski

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Anthes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
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Colorado High School College Entrance Suite of Assessments
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