



Spring 2021 CMAS Overview

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

COVID 19 Impacts – A typical state assessment administration season is currently scheduled for spring 2021 as required by state and federal law. Information on this overview is current as of the second week of November 2020. These plans are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to Superintendents and DACs as soon as possible.

CMAS URLs	
PearsonAccess ^{next} : https://co.pearsonaccessnext.com	Training Center: https://trng-co.pearsonaccessnext.com
TestNav (Student Testing App): https://download.testnav.com/	Colorado Practice Resources (CPRs): https://coassessments.com > Practice Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper sample items, computer-based tutorials and 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 CoAlt Test Examiner**	Add-On Roles Delete Students* Sensitive Data* Published Reports* OnDemand Published Reports* Student Test Update*
* Access to Personally Identifiable Information and/or Sensitive Data ** Only for CoAlt: Science and Social Studies assessments	
Student Registration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDE uploads October Count data from Data Pipeline for initial registrations in PearsonAccess^{next} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test format is set to “online” for all students unless notification is sent to CDE by December 15, 2020 From January 11-29, 2021, 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change test format to “paper” for students who need a paper-based version of the assessment Paper-based orders are derived from student registration data in PearsonAccess^{next} as of January 29, 2021 	
Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File layout/field definitions posted on CMAS page at https://coassessments.com > Data Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid values may differ by content area 	
Assessed Grade Levels	
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 – all schools 	ELA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 – all schools CSLA available for eligible students in grades 3-4
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 5, 8 and High School (11) – all schools 	Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 4 and 7 – sampled schools only
Test Administrators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Administrators must be district employees Student teachers may not be Test Administrators, but may serve as proctors in the testing environment CoAlt Test Examiners must be certified teachers or licensed professionals 	
Manuals	
https://coassessments.com > Manuals & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual PearsonAccess^{next} Online User Guide CMAS Test Administrator Manuals (TAMs) – separate manuals for computer-based and paper-based testing CoAlt Science and Social Studies Examiner’s Manual 	
Initial Materials Shipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wave 1 (arrives March 9, 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Coordinator Kits, including return shipping materials for all content areas (e.g., labels, header sheets) CMAS TAMs (CBT and/or PBT, contain information and administration “SAY” directions for all content areas) Student test materials: Wave 1 (extended math/ELA and early HS window) and/or Wave 2 (arrives March 30, 2021 for regular window) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math and ELA materials, including student ID labels Science and social studies materials, including student ID labels 	

Test Structure and Administration		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each unit is a block of testing time for students • Math tests with units consisting of calculator and non-calculator sections (both completed during unit testing time): Only Grades 6-8 Math • Units cannot be tested out of order, including for make-up testing 		
Computer-Based Testing (CBT)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May have different test forms and accessibility forms within a test session (if same directions and testing times) • Students requiring Auditory/Signed Presentation: Script (for translation into language other than English or Spanish, including signed presentation) must be in a separate location and test session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students requiring Auditory Presentation: Text-to-Speech must have headphones to be in the same session; separate location is required if headphones cannot be used • Test Administrators can use “Combined View” to view multiple test sessions simultaneously in PearsonAccess^{next} 		
Paper-Based Testing (PBT)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May have different test forms within a test session (if same directions and testing times) • Students requiring Auditory/Signed Presentation: Script must be in a separate location 		
Accommodations Resources		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual: Section 6.0 • CDE-created Accommodations Crosswalk • Unique Accommodation Request (UAR) Guidance Documents and spreadsheets and Modification Verification Submission (MVS) spreadsheets (due to CDE by December 15, 2020) 		
Scratch Paper		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scratch paper provided locally • Must be blank, but may have lines or be graph paper • Must be provided for PBT (all content areas) • CBT math – must be provided to students • CBT science, social studies, ELA – district decides if provided • All <u>used</u> scratch paper must be returned to the district after testing – district securely destroys/recycles or returns to Pearson (DAC completes <i>Scratch Paper Verification</i> form and sends to CDE) 		
Opening Test Packaging (plastic wrap)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed packages may be opened no more than 4 days prior to testing 		
Official State Administration Window: April 12 – 30, 2021		
<p>District and school-determined testing windows may be shorter than the allowable three week state administration window; however, all CMAS assessments must be completed by April 30, 2021. During the official state window:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper-based used as main testing format for math and ELA* • All elementary and middle school science and social studies assessments (computer-based and paper-based) 		
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<p><i>*Students using accommodated PBT or CBT forms should test at the same time as their peers</i></p>		
Secure Return Envelopes (for return of secure materials to the district)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Used</u> scratch paper • Student Testing Tickets and printed rosters 		
Materials Return		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, social studies, math, and ELA/CSLA materials can be returned together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scorable (i.e., paper-based tests that are to be scored) and non-scorable materials (i.e., secure material that will not be scored by the vendor, including CoAlt) are returned in separate boxes ○ Labels: scorable = orange; non-scorable = blue ○ UPS Pick-up Deadlines: scorable = May 5, 2021; non-scorable = May 7, 2021 		