



Unit Testing Times and Testing Multiple Groups in the Same Testing Room

Spring 2024 CMAS: Science, Math, and ELA including CSLA

The purpose of this document is to provide the unit testing times by content area and guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing groups of students in the same testing room at the same time. For all content areas, units must be administered in order, including make-up sessions.

The following tables list unit testing times by content area. While unit testing times may be the same, some groups/grades are not able to test together due to differences in administration SAY directions and/or different student testing materials. **See page 2 for groups that may test together in the same room.**

Unit Testing Times

English Language Arts/Literacy		
Grades	Unit	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
ELA 3-5 CSLA 3-4	1	90
	2	90
	3	90
ELA 6-8	1	110
	2	110
	3	110

Mathematics		
Grades	Unit	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Math 3-5	1	65
	2	65
	3	65
Math 6-8	1	65
	2	65
	3	65

Science		
Grades	Unit	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Science 5 Science 8	1	80
	2	80
	3	80
Science 11	1	60
	2	60

Note: Unit testing times do not include time for setup, reading SAY directions, distributing/collecting student testing materials, or extended time accommodations.

Mathematics unit specifications:

- Grades 3-5 – all non-calculator units
- Grade 6-8 – Unit 1 consists of a non-calculator section and a calculator section – students must complete both sections during the Unit 1 testing time
- Grades 6-8 – Units 2-3 are calculator units

While many options exist for combining multiple testing groups of students in the same testing room, a **separate** testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (administration SAY directions and materials are different)
- ELA and mathematics (unit testing times and administration SAY directions are different)
- Directions read aloud in a language other than English
- English tests and Spanish accommodated forms
- Science and ELA/math (unit testing times and administration SAY directions are different)
- Grade 11 science and grade 5/8 science (different unit times)
- Math grades 3-5 and math grades 6-8 (different administration SAY directions)
- Math grades 6-8 unit 1 and math grades 6-8 units 2 and 3 (different administration SAY directions)

Testing Multiple Groups in the Same Testing Room

Different groups of students may test together in the same room provided the unit testing time and administration SAY directions are the same. For all content areas, units must be administered in order, including make-up sessions.

English Language Arts/Literacy

- Computer-based testing
 - Grades 3-5 may test together for all units.
 - Grades 6-8 may test together for all units.
- Paper-based testing
 - Grades 3-5 may test together for all units.
 - Students who qualify for the CSLA accommodated form in grades 3 and 4 may test together but may not test with students taking ELA due to differences in SAY directions.
 - Grades 6-8 may test together for all units.

Mathematics

- Computer-based testing
 - Grades 3-5 may test together for all units.
 - Grades 6-8
 - May test together for Unit 1.
 - May test together for Units 2 and 3.
- Paper-based testing
 - Grades 3-5 may test together for all units.
 - Grades 6-8
 - May test together for Unit 1.
 - May test together for Units 2 and 3.

Science

- Computer-based testing
 - Grade 5 and grade 8 science may test together for all units.
- Paper-based testing
 - Grades 5 and grade 8 science may test together for all units.

Note: For groupings that include students testing in different units, the Test Administrator must acknowledge the appropriate units when referenced in the SAY directions. Additionally, students testing Unit 1 on paper must write their names on their materials; students testing Units 2 and 3 must confirm the receipt of the materials on which their names were previously written.