

Colorado's Transition from CSAP to TCAP:

Implementing the New Standards and Moving to the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP)

March 2011

Colorado Academic Standards

What is the assessment measuring?

- Progress of students at each grade toward being a prepared graduate ready for college or career work

Colorado Academic Standards

PARCC Activities

- Participated in the grades 3-8 assessment design meeting in December
- Participated in high school assessment design meeting with higher education representatives in February
- Issues discussed:
 - How can the assessments best contribute to improved student outcomes?
 - What should the “through course” assessments look like and cover?
 - What is the appropriate content coverage of each of the high school math assessments?
 - What does higher education most value? What conclusions do they most want to be able to draw based on student test performance?

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SMARTER/Balanced

- SBAC TAC met in Denver in February
 - Focused on identifying the assessable content of the CCSS and prototype item types
- SBAC Work Groups
 - Comprised of more 90 individuals from member states (5 from Colorado)
 - Working to define the parameters of the assessment system
- Technology Survey will soon be sent to all member States
 - Purpose is to evaluate technology readiness that will be necessary to implement the new assessment system
- SBAC is supporting member States in the ICCS SCASS
 - First meeting in January in DC. Second meeting is scheduled for April in New Orleans

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What Is Required of Local Education Leaders?

- Review and revise local standards by December 2011
- Find gaps in local curricula
- *Begin* teaching to new standards...now (2011-12)



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Next Steps:

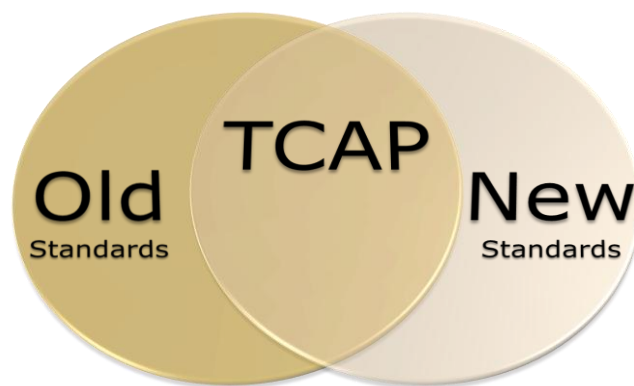
- **Spring 2011** **CSAP as usual**
- Early Fall 2011 RFP for new 2014 assessment system released
- Winter 2011 Award to new vendor announced
- **Spring 2012** **CSAP transition test, TCAP, begins using New Colorado Academic Standards with current test items which are common to both old and new standard**
- **Spring 2013** **TCAP transition test (plus pilot of the test items)**
- **Spring 2014** **New Colorado Assessment administered**

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Transition Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) (2012 and 2013)

1. New standards which are common to old standards will be tested:
 - Will look like current assessment but will only test, where possible, the material found in both old and new standards
 - CDE will issue a description of what content that means for each grade
2. No shift in content grade expectations will occur until 2014.
3. Use of same test blueprint will not change growth model or accountability ratings. Same test construct will be used.

Transition test



Transition Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) (2012 and 2013) Continued...

- Math and reading will be assessed in 3rd-10th grades
- Writing will be assessed in 3rd-10th grades
- Science will be assessed in 5th, 8th, and 10th grades

TCAP does not test....

- Personal financial literacy
- Social studies
- 11th grade
- New grade shifts
- Learning skills (invention, etc.)

What is the impact of teaching the new standards now?

- The rigor of the new standards is greater and students will be better prepared.
- Learning skills will be firmly in place by the time the new test can measure them.

Teaching the New Standards

- Schools must prepare now to teach the earlier grades of new standards not tested in 2012 for a successful performance on the 2014 state test.
- This gives teachers the time to focus on deeper content and skill instruction and preserve the growth model until the 2014 test can be initiated.

Next steps with the SBE

- April: Update on ICAP and Formative and Interim assessment details.
- May: Update on cost estimates
HS mathematics assessment
Early childhood alignment/CBLA

Examples of the new test...

