Superintendents or Principals to Parents and Teachers

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This spring, Colorado ninth-graders will take the PSAT as the statewide assessment in English language arts and math. The PSAT replaces the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests in English language arts and math for students in the ninth grade. Colorado’s 10th-grade students will continue to take the PSAT, and 11th-grade students will take the SAT.

Taking the PSAT provides our 9th- and 10th-grade students with several benefits, including free, personalized study plans. The Khan Academy, which partners with the College Board, offers a suite of services for students preparing to take the tests. These include interactive questions, video lessons and reference articles; thousands of practice questions; official full-length practice tests; and a mobile app for daily practice.

After taking the PSAT, students also can opt in to a service that will provide them free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities and scholarship programs.

This year, Colorado 9th- and 10th-graders will take the PSAT on **April 10, 11 or 12**. Colorado’s 11th-grader will take the SAT on **April 10**. The PSAT is not an exact duplicate of the SAT, but it can provide a good introduction to the SAT. The questions and test format are similar and it is comprised of three tests: Reading, Writing and Language and Mathematics.