

A graphic featuring a blue mountain peak with a red flag at the top. A dashed line with colored dots (blue, yellow, blue, orange, red) winds up the mountain. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

Colorado Measures of Academic Success

Three Things to Know



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The Colorado Measures of Academic Success are the state assessments in English language arts, math, science and social studies. The tests will be administered this spring to students in third through ninth grade.

1. CMAS tests are shorter this year.

In response to concerns about the length of the tests, the math and English language arts tests were shortened by about 90 minutes for most students. In addition, the administration of the tests was consolidated to one three-week window in April. If schools and districts have limited numbers of computers or other devices, they can start testing earlier. Check out the details at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/cmas2015-16at-a-glance>.

2. No special test preparation is necessary.

CMAS tests are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards which set high expectations for students in every classroom in the state. CMAS tests are therefore aligned to what students are already learning in school and should not require any additional test preparation. You can see what the tests are like by visiting <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>.

3. 10th- and 11th-graders will take PSAT and ACT

Students in grades 10 and 11 are no longer required to take CMAS tests in English language arts and math. Instead, 10th grade students will take the PSAT this year on April 19 or 20. Eleventh graders will take the ACT on April 19. Next year's 11th grade students will take the SAT. Check out more information about PSAT and SAT at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/psat-satfactsheet>.