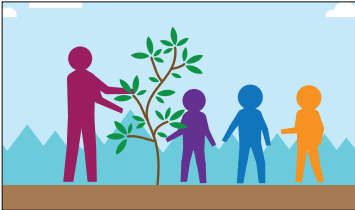
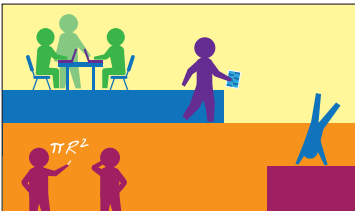


Colorado's Educational Journey – Supporting Every Student Every Step of the Way

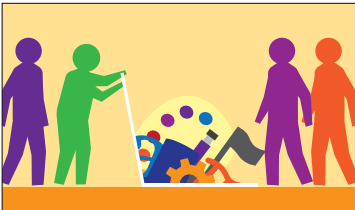


Colorado's educational goal is to ensure all students succeed — in every grade — and then in college, careers and life. The goal is achieved by providing clear **academic standards for students, measuring their progress and ensuring great teaching.**



The Colorado Academic Standards define the concepts and skills every student should know and be able to do — at each grade level — in 10 different content areas:

- World languages
- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Visual arts
- Science
- Social studies
- Reading, writing and communicating
- Math
- Physical education and health



When we know *what* students should be learning we can determine *how well* they are learning. And that's the purpose of the **Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)**, which are tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies. They serve as mile markers — showing how well students understand the concepts and skills defined in the standards.



Teachers bring the standards to life through strong curriculum, engaging lessons and hands-on learning experiences. Great teachers inspire — and they ignite the spark to explore, discover and appreciate the joy of learning.



To ensure that all students have great teachers, Colorado developed an **Educator Evaluation** system. Teachers collaborate with principals and their peers to annually examine their techniques and determine how well their students grew over the course of the year. The system helps teachers continuously improve their teaching and their impact on student learning.



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