

Quick Reference on Federal and State Required Assessments



COLORADO
Department of Education

	Federal Statute ESSA, Title I, Part A	State Statute Colorado Revised Statutes	Purpose
English Language Arts (ELA) (Colorado Measures of Academic Success - CMAS) Spanish Language Arts (Colorado Spanish Language Arts – CSLA) - an accommodated language arts assessment administered to students who are English Learners and have received language arts instruction in Spanish.	3 rd – 8 th grade and not less than once during 9 th -12 th grade <i>§1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)</i>	3 rd – 8 th grade <i>§22-7-1006.3(1)(a)(I)</i> 3 rd and 4 th grade <i>§22-7-1006.3(4)(b)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students’ mastery of and growth in the Colorado Academic Standards and school/district performance.
Math (Colorado Measures of Academic Success - CMAS)	3 rd – 8 th grade and not less than once during 9 th -12 th grade <i>§1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)</i>	3 rd – 8 th grade <i>§22-7-1006.3(1)(a)(I)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students’ mastery of and growth in the Colorado Academic Standards and school/district performance.
Science	Not less than once during 3 rd – 5 th	Once in elementary, once in middle	The state uses these assessment



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(Colorado Measures of Academic Success - CMAS)	grade, not less than once during 6 th – 9 th grade, and not less than once during 10 th – 12 th grade <i>§1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(II)</i>	school, and once in high school, in specific grades identified by CDE, but not in 12 th grade. <i>§22-7-1006.3(1)(a)(II)</i>	results for evaluating students' mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards and school/district performance.
Social Studies (Colorado Measures of Academic Success - CMAS)	N/A	Once in elementary, once in middle school, and once in high school, in specific grades identified by CDE, but not in 12 th grade. Shall include sampling method of every school at least once every three years. <i>§22-7-1006.3(1)(a)(III)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students' mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards.
9th Grade Assessment Aligned with State Academic Standards (PSAT)	N/A	9 th grade assessment aligned with State Academic Standards and the 10 th grade assessment. <i>§22-7-1006.3(2)(a)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students' mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards/post-secondary readiness and school/district performance.
10th Grade Assessment Aligned with State Academic Standards (PSAT)	N/A	10 th grade assessment aligned with State Academic Standards and with college entrance exam selected for 11 th grade assessment. <i>§22-7-1006.3(2)(a.5)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students' mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards/post-secondary readiness and school/district performance.
College Entrance Exam (SAT)	Math 3 rd – 8 th grade and not less than once during 9 th -12 th grade <i>§1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)</i>	11 th grade College Entrance Exam <i>§22-7-1006.3(2)(b)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students' mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards/post-secondary readiness and school/district



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	Reading or English Language Arts: 3 rd – 8 th grade and not less than once during 9 th -12 th grade <i>§1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)</i>		performance.
Alternate Assessments (CoAlt) (Each state assessment must have an alternate for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.)	Alternate assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities <i>§1111(b)(2)(D)</i> Additional alternate assessment requirements are outlined in the <i>Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act - §612(a)(16)(C)</i>	Alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities <i>§22-7-1006.3(3)(c)</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students’ mastery of the extended evidence outcomes of the Colorado Academic Standards and school/district performance.
English Language Proficiency Assessment (ACCESS 2.0)	<i>Annual assessment of English proficiency of all English learners</i> <i>§1111(b)(2)(G)</i>	Local Education Providers to identify English Learners using the state-approved assessment for English language proficiency <i>§22-24-105</i>	The state uses these assessment results for evaluating students’ mastery of the Colorado English Language Proficiency Assessments and school/district performance.



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School Readiness	N/A	Kindergarten <i>§22-7-1004(2)(a) and §22-7-1014(2)(a)</i>	This assessment is administered to all kindergarteners to determine the instruction and interventions students need to improve their readiness to succeed in school. In the future, the state will use this information to report population-level results concerning the overall change and improvement in students' skills and knowledge over time.
Early Literacy (READ)	N/A	Kindergarten – 3 rd grade <i>§22-7-1205(1)(a) and §22-7-1209(1)(b)</i>	This assessment is administered to all students in grades Kindergarten through 3 rd grade to measure each student's reading competency and to identify and fund students that would benefit from targeted interventions.

Where can I learn more?

- [Specific information about statewide assessments can be found on the CDE Assessment website.](#)