

2025/2026 Hi-Plains Assessment Schedule and Information for Families

Grades 6-12

This assessment calendar is subject to change.

- This calendar provides district assessment windows/dates. Contact the school for more information about school-specific assessment schedules.
- Individual grade level teachers may also determine which additional assessments can best help their specific student population to learn and grow. For more information about the assessments and learning tools that will be used in school this year, contact your school's administration and/or teacher.



Window Dates	Assessment	Content Areas and Grades Assessed Required Assessments Highlighted in Yellow				
		Reading/ ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Other
8/19– 9/18	NWEA/MAP Beginning of Year (BOY)	6-10	6-8, HS by course enrollment*	7 or 8		Language Usage, 6-10
1/13 – 1/16	NWEA/MAP Middle of Year(MOY)	6-10	6-8, HS by course enrollment*	7 or 8		Language Usage, 6-10
1/12 - 2/13	ACCESS for ELLS and Alternate					English Language Development, 6-12
4/6- 4/23†	CMAS: ELA and Math	6-8	6-8			
4/6 - 4/23†	CoAlt: ELA & Math	6-11	6-11			
HS ONLY 3/31 - 4/17 OR 4/6– 4/23† MS: Science and SS 4/6-4/23†	CMAS/CoAlt: Science/S.S.			8, 11	7	
4/13 - 4/23†	PSAT 9 & 10	9,10	9, 10			
4/13 - 4/23†	CO SAT	11	11			
5/4 - 5/8	NWEA/MAP End of Year (EOY)	6-10	6-8, HS by course enrollment*			

About the Assessments

Name	Purpose
<p>ACCESS for ELLs (K-12 NEP and LEP students)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> Federal and State</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> Untimed. The test has 4 sections. The approximate time to complete each section varies between 35 and 65 minutes.</p>	<p>The ACCESS for ELLs assessment measures a student's English language proficiency.</p> <p>ACCESS for ELLs provides educators and parents proficiency levels and information that is used to enhance instruction and learning for ELL students in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It is administered annually to kindergarten through twelfth-graders who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs) who are Non-English or Limited-English proficient.</p>
<p>CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> State</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> ELA: Unit lengths vary between 90-110 minutes, depending on grade level. Math: 3 units of 65 minutes Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 units of 80 minutes (Grade 8) ● 2 units of 60 minutes (Grade 11) </p>	<p>The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) requires the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests for grades 3-8 each year. CMAS English Language Arts , Math, Science and Social Studies assessments were developed to measure grade level expectations in the Colorado Academic Standards.</p> <p>Grades 3-11 ELA (English Language Arts) & Math Grades 5, 8, & 11 Science</p>
<p>CoAlt/DLM (Colorado Alternate Assessment/ Dynamic Learning Maps)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> State</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> Varies. Each content area assessment contains an average of 7 testlets. Each testlet takes between 5-15 minutes.</p>	<p>The Colorado Alternate assessment (COALT) and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) are the alternate state assessments for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) who do not take CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success).</p> <p>DLM is a standards-based assessment designed to provide a picture of student performance and a framework for students to access the general curriculum in English language arts and math.</p> <p>CoAlt measures student performance on Science and Social Studies.</p>

<p>MAP GROWTH (Measures of Academic Progress)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> School District</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> Untimed. The average time to complete a content-area test is between 45 and 60 minutes.</p>	<p>Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth) is an online test in English language arts and mathematics available for students in grades 3 through 10. MAP also offers science tests and an assessment for primary grades (K-2) which is given in some schools. MAP is an adaptive test, which means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. The difficulty of the questions adjust depending on how each student answers prior questions, allowing the tests to be tailored to each student's level and helping to pinpoint individual student instructional needs.</p> <p>*All students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, or equivalent course take MAP Math.</p>
<p>NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> Federal</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> 90-120 minutes</p>	<p>The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is an integral measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. It is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in various subjects. The program also provides valuable insights into students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn in and outside of the classroom. NAEP is a congressionally mandated program administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.</p>
<p>PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 (Preliminary SAT)</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> State</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> Approximately 2.5 hours</p>	<p>The PSAT tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT in a way that makes sense for 9th and 10th-graders. It builds on the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The PSAT also aligns with Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) and with the SAT that students will take in 11th grade.</p> <p>The PSAT focuses on the knowledge, skills, and understandings that are most important for college and career readiness and success. In addition to helping students practice for the SAT, it can identify a student's potential for success in advanced course work. It provides data on academic strengths and weaknesses.</p>
<p>Colorado SAT</p> <p><u>Required by:</u> State</p> <p><u>Length of Test:</u> Approximately 2.5 hours</p>	<p>The SAT is closely aligned to challenging classroom work of Colorado schools and focuses on the key skills and concepts that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathematical concepts, skills, and practices important for career training programs. ● Reading, comprehending, and writing high-quality essays supported by evidence. <p>The SAT also serves as an admission test and is accepted by every college in the</p>

	United States. At the time of testing, students can send their scores to up to four colleges for free. The SAT essay can also be taken as part of the Colorado school day SAT administration. The SAT essay is optional and voluntary and can be added at no cost to students. All students who are enrolled in 11th grade at a Colorado public high school are eligible to take the SAT.
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Federal and state assessment requirements quick reference:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/stateandfederalassessmentrequirements>

State assessment participation and excusal information:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs-assessment#participation>