

Julesburg School District State Assessment Schedule, Spring 2016

Who	What	When	Why	Estimated Times
*ACCESS for ELLs: Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners				
K-12th graders, only English Language Learners	Speaking, Listening, Reading Writing	January 11 - February 12	to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English	up to 2.75 hours
CMAS: Colorado Measures of Academic Success. Includes PARCC English language arts (ELA) & math and Colorado developed science & social studies and CoAlt alternate assessments¹ Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) English language arts & math and Colorado developed science & social studies				
grades 3-8* and grade 9	ELA ² & Math	³ March 14 - April 29 (¹ DLM March 16-April 29)	intended to measure if students have mastered content they are expected to know by the end of the school year	8.25 -10.5 ⁷ hours (DLM, up to 3 hrs)
SC-grades 5, 8, 11 SS-grades 4, 7	*Science (SC) & Social Studies ⁴ (SS)	April 11 - April 29, 2016		4 hours (SC, grades 5 & 8; 3 hours at grade 11) 4 hours (SS)
College Preparation and Entrance Exams⁵ PSAT and ACT, as well as alternate assessments¹ developed by Colorado				
10th graders	PSAT ⁵	April 19 or 20	administer a college preparatory exam aligned to state academic standards and the 11th grade curriculum-based college entrance exam	2.75 hours
11th graders	ACT ⁵	April 19	college entrance exam to measure preparation for success in college	3 hours, plus writing if selected
10th & 11th Graders (CoAlt ¹ eligibility)	DLM ¹	March 16-April 29	based on alternate academic standards for eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities	Up to 3 hours
Read Act Assessments				
Grades K-6th	Dibels and Aims Web	August-May (Interim Assessments occur three times per year, August, January and May). Progress monitor students in the red once a week, yellow, every two weeks, and green once a month.	to progress monitor students who are demonstrating developing or emerging literacy skills and to evaluate students' growth and achievement in reaching reading proficiency	1 hour

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School Readiness				
Preschool and Kindergarten	Teaching Strategies Gold	August-May (Three checkpoints will be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education) documenting each student's readiness as required by the state of Colorado. Students are monitored and assessed throughout the year by the preschool and kindergarten teacher. Checkpoints occur in October, February and May.	Students are assessed in the identified milestones in Teaching Strategies Gold on an on-going basis. Students are proficient when they show mastery of a skill assessed three times.	1-2 Hours

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE / WINDOW

This table identifies testing windows for state mandated assessments this spring. Specific school testing calendars with administration dates will be established within a given assessment window after the district and schools receive finalized testing time requirements. School specific schedules will be communicated from each school to parents before testing.

Why do we administer these tests? All assessments in this schedule are mandated by state law; those mandated by federal law are noted with an *.

How will results be used? Our district uses assessment results to plan professional development for educators, refine instructional strategies and foster student understanding of content measured in each assessment.

How long do these tests take? Estimated times represent *time on test*, but do not factor in preparing students and reading directions.

What if I don't want my student to test? As provided for in state law and district policy, parents may excuse their students from taking CMAS, PARCC and state-mandated college preparatory and college admissions examinations.

Footnotes associated with the schedule:

* Federally mandated tests: English Language Arts & Math in grades 3-8 and one time in high school, science one time at elementary, middle and high school; language proficiency test for English Language Learners (ELL) that are non- or limited-English proficient whether in an ELL program or not.

¹ DLM & CoAlt tests are available per Individual Education Plan (IEP) eligibility to participate in an alternate assessment in place of the associated test.

² In place of the ELA test, the Colorado Spanish Language Arts is available to eligible 3rd & 4th students learning English participating in a bilingual program.

³ ELA and Math testing between March 14 - April 8 is available, as needed depending on technology resources in each building.

⁴ Social studies test will be administered on a sampling basis to one-third of schools each year; the high school sample (grade 11) will include half of schools in spring 2017 and then the other half spring 2018.

⁵ Some details regarding both of these exams will not be final until the Colorado Department of Education's Request For Proposal process has been completed, a test vendor selected, and a contract signed. PSAT and ACT have been announced, anticipated date for contract is January, 2016.

⁶ Students at risk of failure is defined as students scoring below grade level on Dibels/Aims and/or PARCC, Emerging Bilinguals who have not yet met grade level targets and students new to the district. Teachers have the option to assess all students. Dibels and Aims Web testing is coordinated through the principal and RtI/IEP Testing Team.

⁷ An extra 1.5 hours was added to the maximum estimated time in the PARCC ELA & Math tests for an additional ELA field test unit that some schools were randomly selected to participate in.

[LINK TO STATE ASSESSMENT WEBSITE](#)