



Spring 2024 CMAS Overview

Science, Mathematics, and English Language Arts/Literacy including CSLA

Note: Information on this overview is current as of October 2023. These plans are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to Superintendents and DACs as soon as possible.

| CMAS URLs | |
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| PearsonAccess ^{next} : https://co.pearsonaccessnext.com | Training Site: https://trng-co.pearsonaccessnext.com |
| TestNav (Student Testing App): https://download.testnav.com/ | Colorado Practice Resources (CPRs): https://coassessments.com > Practice Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper sample items, computer-based tutorials and sample items, scoring guides, and rubrics |
| Pearson Customer Support | |
| PearsonAccess ^{next} : Contact COLORADO Support link | Phone: 888-687-4759 |
| PearsonAccess ^{next} User Roles | |
| Base Roles LEA/District Test Coordinator Technology Coordinator School Test Coordinator Test Administrator (CMAS) | Add-On Roles Sensitive Data* Published Reports* OnDemand Published Reports* Student Test Update* <div>* Access to Personally Identifiable Information and/or Sensitive Data</div> |
| Student Registration | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDE uploads October Count data from Data Pipeline for initial registrations in PearsonAccess^{next} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test format is set to “online” for all students unless notification is sent to CDE by December 15, 2023 From January 8-26, 2024, districts can make changes to student registration data in PearsonAccess^{next} through the user interface (UI) or SR/PNP files (send/review transfer requests through UI or import/export) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add accommodations that require physical materials (e.g., auditory/signed presentation scripts, visual descriptions) Change test format to “paper” for students who need a paper-based version of the assessment Paper-based orders are derived from student registration data in PearsonAccess^{next} as of January 26, 2024 | |
| Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File layout/field definitions posted on CMAS page at https://coassessments.com > Data Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid values may differ by content area | |
| Assessed Grade Levels | |
| Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 – all schools | ELA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 3-8 – all schools CSLA available for eligible students in grades 3-4 |
| Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 5, 8, and 11 – all schools | Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not administered in spring 2024 |
| Test Administrators | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Administrators must be district employees Student teachers may not be Test Administrators, but may serve as proctors in the CMAS testing environment CoAlt note: CoAlt Test Administrators must be certified teachers or licensed professionals | |
| Manuals | |
| https://coassessments.com > Manuals & Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual PearsonAccess^{next} Online User Guide CMAS Test Administrator Manuals (TAMs) – separate manuals for computer-based and paper-based testing CoAlt note: CoAlt Science Test Administrator Manual | |
| Initial Materials Shipment: Arrives March 19, 2024 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials are derived from student registration data in PearsonAccess^{next} as of January 26, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Coordinator Kits, including return shipping materials for all content areas (e.g., labels, <i>Scorable Materials Return Checklist</i>) CMAS TAMs (CBT and/or PBT, contain information and administration “SAY” directions for all content areas) Student test materials, including student ID labels | |

| Test Structure and Administration | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each content area test is comprised of multiple units; a unit is a block of testing time for students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three units – grades 3-8 math, grades 3-8 ELA, grades 3-4 CSLA, grades 5 and 8 science Two units – grade 11 science only Math tests with units consisting of non-calculator and calculator sections (both completed during unit testing time): Only Unit 1 for Grades 6-8 Math Units cannot be tested out of order, including for make-up testing | |
| Computer-Based Testing (CBT) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May have different test forms and accessibility forms within a test session (if same directions and testing times) Students requiring auditory/signed presentation scripts (for translation into language other than English or Spanish, including signed presentation) must be in a separate location and test session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students requiring auditory presentation through text-to-speech must have headphones to be in the same session; separate location is required if headphones cannot be used Test Administrators can use “Combined View” to view multiple test sessions simultaneously in PearsonAccess^{next} | |
| Paper-Based Testing (PBT) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May have different test forms within a test session (if same directions and testing times) Students requiring auditory/signed presentation scripts must be in a separate location | |
| Accommodations Resources | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual: Section 6.0 CDE-created Accommodations Crosswalk Unique Accommodation Request (UAR) Guidance Documents and spreadsheets (due to CDE by December 15, 2023) | |
| Scratch Paper | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scratch paper provided locally Must be blank, but may have lines or be graph paper Must be provided for PBT (all content areas) CBT math – must be provided to students CBT science and ELA – district decides if provided All used scratch paper must be returned to the district after testing – district securely destroys/recycles or returns to Pearson (DAC completes <i>Scratch Paper Verification</i> form and sends to CDE) | |
| Opening Test Packaging (plastic wrap) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealed packages may be opened no more than 4 days prior to testing | |
| Official State Administration Window: April 8-26, 2024 | |
| <p>District- and school-determined testing windows may be shorter than the official three-week state administration window. Extended and early window options are available for certain assessments.</p> <p>Tests only administered during the official state window (April 8-26, 2024):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper-based used as main testing format for math and ELA* All grades 5 and 8 science assessments (computer-based and paper-based) | |
| <p>Extended window for CBT math and ELA options*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 total weeks (one additional week): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 1-26, 2024 April 8-May 3, 2024 5 total weeks (two additional weeks): April 1-May 3, 2024 | <p>Early grade 11 science option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 total testing weeks (no additional weeks): April 1-19, 2024 <p><i>*Students using accommodated PBT or CBT forms should test at the same time as their peers.</i></p> |
| <p>Districts must inform CDE by December 15, 2023 if they plan to use an extended CBT math and ELA and/or early grade 11 science window. Notification is provided to CDE through the <i>District Testing Information and Format Selections Form</i> distributed to official DACs upon completion of the <i>Spring 2024 CMAS Administration Training for DACs</i>.</p> | |
| Materials Return | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science, math, and ELA/CSLA materials can be returned together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scorable (i.e., CMAS paper-based tests and CoAlt answer documents that are to be scored) and nonscorable materials (i.e., secure material that will not be scored by the vendor) are returned in separate boxes Labels: scorable = orange; nonscorable = blue; white UPS shipping label must accompany colored label Place completed <i>Scorable Materials Return Checklist</i> at the top of each scorable box UPS Pick-up Deadlines: scorable = May 1, 2024; nonscorable = May 3, 2024 | |