Three Things to Know

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success are the state assessments in English language arts, math, science and social studies. The tests will be administered this spring to students in third through 9th-grade.

Colorado Measures of Academic Success

1. CMAS tracks progress.

CMAS tests are just one measure of a student’s progress, but they are the only common measurements for Colorado students, helping teachers and parents understand whether students have mastered the content they need to know by the end of each school year in order to be on track for college and career success.

[View the CMAS Roadmap to Student Success handout.](http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/docs/standardsandinstruction/Standards%20in%20Action%202016%20-%20Parent%20Hand%20Out.pdf)

1. No special test preparation is necessary.

CMAS tests are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards which set high expectations for students in every classroom throughout the state. Material found on CMAS tests is what students are already learning in school and should not require any additional preparation.

[View practice tests by visiting Pearson’s PARCC website](http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/).

1. 10th- and 11th-graders will take PSAT and SAT

Students in grades 10 and 11 are no longer required to take CMAS tests in English language arts and math. Instead, 10th grade students will take the PSAT this year on April 11 or 12. 11th graders will take the SAT on April 11.

[More information is available on CDE’s PSAT and SAT webpage.](http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/psat-sat)