



COLORADO EARLY COLLEGES COLORADO SPRINGS

2026 - 2027 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

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Date(s)	Assessment	Grade(s)/Content	Description and Purpose	Approximate Length
9/14 - 9/25	NWEA MAP Growth (Measures of Academic Progress)	Grades 6 - 9 (Reading and Math)	NWEA MAP Growth is an assessment that measures student achievement and academic growth in reading, math, and language use. Its purpose is to track progress over time and provide educators with data to identify strengths, learning needs, and student growth in each subject area.	NWEA MAP Growth tests are untimed, but typically take 45 to 60 minutes per subject.
10/8	Fall PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) Optional - Fee Required	Grades 10 - 11 (Reading/Writing and Math) Only PSAT/NMSQT scores earned during a student's junior year are used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Program.	PSAT/NMSQT are standardized assessments that measure students' skills in reading, writing, and math and help determine college readiness. The PSAT/NMSQT serves as practice for the SAT and, for juniors, provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship competition. Results are commonly used for college admissions, scholarship, financial aid, and placement considerations.	The PSAT/NMSQT takes exactly 2 hours and 14 minutes of testing time, plus a 10-minute break between sections, bringing the total time to roughly 2.5 hours.
November	CogAT (Cognitive Abililites Test)	Grade 6 (Verbal, Quantitative and Figural Reasoning)	CogAT is a standardized assessment that measures students' reasoning and problem-solving abilities in verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal areas. Its purpose is to help schools identify students who may benefit from gifted programming, advanced learning opportunities, or additional academic support.	The active testing time is roughly 90 minutes. It is divided into sections, often with breaks between them.

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December	ACCUPLACER	Grades 9 - 12 (Reading, Writing, and Math)	ACCUPLACER is a college readiness assessment that measures students' skills in reading, writing, and math. Its purpose is to help determine appropriate course placement and identify academic strengths and areas for improvement before enrolling in college-level coursework.	The ACCUPLACER test is untimed, but most students finish all sections in 1.5 to 2.5 hours.
1/11 - 2/12	WIDA ACCESS	Grades 6 - 12 (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking)	WIDA ACCESS is an annual English language proficiency assessment for multilingual learners that measures skills in Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. Its purpose is to monitor English language development, guide instructional support, inform program placement, and meet state and federal accountability requirements.	The WIDA ACCESS test takes approximately 3 to 4 hours in total, though timing varies by grade and proficiency.
2/16-2/26	NWEA MAP Growth (Measures of Academic Progress)	Grades 6 - 9 (Reading and Math)	NWEA MAP Growth is an assessment that measures student achievement and academic growth in reading, math, and language use. Its purpose is to track progress over time and provide educators with data to identify strengths, learning needs, and student growth in each subject area.	NWEA MAP Growth tests are untimed, but typically take 45 to 60 minutes per subject.

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4/12 - 4/16	CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success)	Grade 6 (Math and ELA) Grade 7 (Math, ELA, and Social Studies) Grade 8 (Math, ELA, and Science) Grade 11 (Science)	CMAS is a statewide assessment that measures how well students have mastered grade-level Colorado Academic Standards. Its purpose is to evaluate student achievement, identify areas needing additional support, and inform instructional and school improvement decisions.	Grade 6 Math - 3 Units (65 Min.) ELA - 3 Units (90 Min.) Grade 7 Math - 3 Units (65 Min.) ELA - 3 Units (90 Min.) S.S. - 1 Unit (65 Min.) Grade 8 Math - 3 Units (65 Min.) ELA - 3 Units (90 Min.) Sci. - 3 Units (65 Min.) Grade 11 Sci. - 2 Units (60 Min.)
4/12 - 4/16	PSAT/SAT	Grades 9 - 10 PSAT 9/10 (Reading/Writing and Math) Grade 11 SAT (Reading/Writing and Math)	PSAT/SAT are standardized assessments that measure students' skills in reading, writing, and math and evaluate college readiness. Their purpose is to help students prepare for postsecondary education while providing colleges and universities with information used for admissions, scholarships, financial aid, and course placement decisions.	The PSAT/SAT takes exactly 2 hours and 14 minutes of testing time, plus a 10-minute break between sections, bringing the total time to roughly 2.5 hours.
April/May	ACCUPLACER	Grades 9 - 12 (Reading, Writing, and Math)	ACCUPLACER is a college readiness assessment that measures students' skills in reading, writing, and math. Its purpose is to help determine appropriate course placement and identify academic strengths and areas for improvement before enrolling in college-level coursework.	The ACCUPLACER test is untimed, but most students finish all sections in 1.5 to 2.5 hours.