

Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS) Testing Schedule

Bear Creek CMAS Assessments (Grades 3rd-6th) are right around the corner. We value the opportunity to take these assessments as they provide a snapshot of our students' progress within our Colorado Academic Standards and assist us in reflecting on our curriculum and instructional practices. The schedule is listed below; we would appreciate if you could arrange for outside appointments to occur outside their testing dates.

3 rd CMAS Math	Paper Test	April 9, 10, 11	9:05-10:25
3 rd CMAS Language Arts	Paper Test	April 15, 16, 17	9:05-10:50
4 th CMAS Math	Paper Test	April 8, 10, 11	1:15-2:40
4 th CMAS Language Arts	Computer Test	March 18, 19, 20	1:15-3:10
5 th CMAS Math	Paper Test	April 8, 10, 11	10:10-11:30
5 th CMAS Language Arts	Computer Test	March 18, 19, 20	10:10-11:55
5 th CMAS Science	Computer Test	April 15, 16, 17	10:10-11:45
6 th CMAS Math	Paper Test	April 8, 10, 11	12:15-1:35
6 th CMAS Language Arts	Computer Test	March 18, 19, 20	12:10-2:20

Do you ever wonder what state test looks like for your child? If so, you can find more information about the tests and view the practice tests for CMAS (PARCC) using the following links. <https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/co/co-practicetest.html?links=1> and <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

Within the math test, students will have a mixture of basic computation problems and multi-step word problems. Here are two examples of questions from the PARCC (CMAS) practice test for 4th grade.

Henry cut a piece of yarn that was $11\frac{1}{6}$ feet long into two pieces. List two different pairs of fractions that could show the lengths, in feet, of the two pieces.

Explain how you found your pairs of fractions.

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Within the English Language Arts (ELA) test students will read several reading passages, some being fiction and some being non-fiction, and then answer questions about them. Depending on which unit the student is in, they might be asked to read two different pieces of writing and answer questions comparing them. Below is an example of a practice test question from the website above.

Today you will read a story about a girl whose family is from India and a poem that expresses how the speaker faces frightening experiences. After you finish the task, you will write an essay about a theme in the story and the poem. Read the story "Just Like Home" and the poem "Life Doesn't Frighten Me."

For each reading passage the students read, they will be asked to answer different types of comprehension questions such as: What is the main idea of the story? What answer below provides evidence for your answer above? They will also be asked some grammar questions such as: What is the verb in the following sentence? Fill in the bubbles where the quotation marks go in the sentence.

In 3rd grade, students will take the paper-based test and be required to hand write all answers. In 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, students will take the online version of the test so all answers will be typed or submitted on a computer.