



Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Dear DSST Cole Middle School families:

Starting on April 10th, Colorado students begin taking CMAS, the **Colorado Measures of Academic Success**. CMAS measures student proficiency on the Colorado Academic Standards. These standards provide clear and consistent guidelines on what students should know and be able to do at the end of the year, across grade levels and subject areas.

Grades 6-8 will take English language arts and math assessments. Our 8th graders will also take a science assessment.

CMAS is the *only* common measurement of student progress across the state. Although CMAS is just *one* measurement of learning, results help provide answers to these important questions:

- What is my child's level of proficiency on state standards?
- How is my child doing academically following pandemic disruptions?
- Does my child need additional support?
- How well is my child doing compared to their peers at school and across the district and state?

Review the **CMAS Schedule** below to see when your child will be testing. Students can best demonstrate what they know after getting plenty of sleep the night before testing, followed by a healthy breakfast. To prevent missed instruction due to makeup testing, ensure that your student(s) arrive on-time for school, and that appointments and vacations are planned for non-testing days.

Your support during CMAS is appreciated as state assessments are vital tools that contribute towards student success. If you do plan on **excusing your student from CMAS**, please do so in the Parent Portal by the end of February. This allows enough time for the school to plan and schedule accordingly.

Student practice resources can be found here: <https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/>. More information about assessments in DPS can be found here: <https://assessments.dpsk12.org>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you, and go Dragons!

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The following are additional resources from the Colorado Department of Education:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/cmaspurposeandvalue22-0>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>



DSST Cole Middle School CMAS Schedule

APRIL				
Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
NO TESTING TODAY	Grades 6-8 ELA Unit 1	Grades 6-8 ELA Unit 2	Grade 6-8 ELA Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	Grades 6-8 Math Unit 1	Grades 6-8 Math Unit 2	Grades 6-8 Math Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	Grade 8 Science Unit 1	Grade 8 Science Unit 2	Grade 8 Science Unit 3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
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