

Grade Level	Estimated Hours of Testing	Required by Federal or State Law or selected by District	Purpose of the Assessment	How the Assessment Results Will Be Used	Assessment	Source
Kindergarten	Ongoing, observation based. Approximately 20 minutes per child in a planning estimate, and a required testing time.	State	Understand each child's strengths and needs across developmental and academic domains to support a responsive learning environment.	Used to plan instruction, create individual Readiness Plans, communicate with families, and report aggregate kindergarten readiness information to COE.	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment TE QSOQ or Approved Readiness Plan (Charter Schools with Waivers Only)	Kindergarten School Readiness Waiver Guidance
DCSD administration: Grades 2, Grade 5 or 6, plus referrals as applicable	<30 to 60 minutes per session. <60 minutes total. Varies by test time and administration.	District	Measures learned reasoning abilities and serves as one component of a body of evidence for gifted identification and programming.	Used to inform instructional practices and gifted identification and programming decisions.	CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)	CogAT Tests for the Elementary Grades CogAT Administration Manual Cognitive Abilities Test
K-12 English Language Learners (ELP and MLR)	Approximately 2 to 2.5 hours total. Actual test time varies by student and domain.	Federal / State	Measures English language proficiency in Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing.	Used to monitor English language development, inform instruction, support decisions about English language services, and inform accountability measures.	ACCESS 5.0 ACCESS	WIDA Resources
Grades 3-8	ELA 4 hr 30 mins. Math 3 hr 15 mins.	State	Measures mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.	Used to monitor student achievement, inform instruction, support decisions about instructional and accountability decisions.	CMAS ELA and Math	CMAS - State Summaries CMAS - State Summaries
Grades 3-11	Intermittently administered. Time varies by student and subject.	State	Alternate assessment for eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities. Measures learning aligned to Colorado's alternate academic standards and Extended Evidence Outcomes.	Provides an alternate measure of academic achievement and meets state and federal assessment and accountability requirements.	CoALT: DLM	CoALT: DLM CoALT: DLM
Grades 3, 8, and 11	Grades 3, 8, & 11: 15 mins. Grade 11: 40 mins.	State	Measures mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards in Science.	Provides achievement information for students, schools, districts, and the state and supports instructional and accountability decisions.	CMAS Science	CMAS - State Summaries CMAS - State Summaries
Grades 3, 8, and 11 for eligible students	Individually administered and untimed	State	Alternate assessment for eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities. Measures science knowledge and skills aligned to the alternate standards and Extended Evidence Outcomes.	Provides an alternate measure of academic achievement and meets state and federal assessment and accountability requirements.	CoALT: Science	CoALT: State Summaries CoALT: State Summaries
Grade 7	60 minutes	State	Measures mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards in Social Studies.	Provides achievement information and supports instructional, programmatic, and accountability decisions.	CMAS Social Studies	CMAS - State Summaries CMAS - State Summaries
Grade 7 for eligible students	Individually administered. Time varies by student.	State	Alternate assessment for eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities. Measures Social Studies knowledge and skills aligned to the Extended Evidence Outcomes.	Provides an alternate measure of achievement and meets state assessment and accountability requirements.	CoALT Social Studies	CoALT: State Summaries CoALT: State Summaries
Grade 9	2 Hours, 14 Minutes	State	Provides an early measure of college and career readiness and establishes a baseline within the SAT Suite of Assessments.	Provides information about student achievement and readiness and can help students, families, and educators identify areas for continued growth.	PSAT 9/9	PSAT 9/9 PSAT 9/9
Grade 10	2 Hours, 14 Minutes	State	Measures college and career readiness and practice and preparation within the SAT Suite of Assessments.	Provides achievement and readiness information and helps identify areas for continued growth before the SAT.	PSAT 10	PSAT 10 PSAT 10
Grade 11	2 Hours, 14 Minutes	State	Measures college and career readiness and provides an assessment of student readiness for postsecondary education.	Provides achievement and readiness information and fulfills Colorado's assessment requirement for Grade 11.	SAT	SAT SAT
K-6	Approximately 15-20 minutes. Varies by assessment and student.	State	Measures early literacy skills and helps identify students who may need additional support.	Used to monitor reading competency, identify significant achievement gaps, inform instruction, and support READ Plans when appropriate.	READ Act Interim and Diagnostic STAR	Colorado SE Act Colorado SE Act
K-6	Approximately 30-45 minutes. Actual time varies.	State	Measures reading skills and helps identify areas of strength and need.	Used to measure reading competency, identify specific skill needs, inform instruction, and support READ Plans when appropriate.	READ Act Interim and Diagnostic STAR	Colorado SE Act Colorado SE Act
K-6	Varies by measure and student.	State	Measures early literacy and reading skills and helps identify students at risk for Significant Reading Outcomes.	Used to monitor reading competency, identify skill weaknesses, inform instruction, and support READ Plans when appropriate.	READ Act Interim and Diagnostic STAR	Colorado SE Act Colorado SE Act
K-6	Varies by measure and student.	State	Measures foundational reading skills and reading competency.	Used to monitor reading development, identify students needing additional support, inform instruction, and support READ Plans when appropriate.	READ Act Interim and Diagnostic STAR	Colorado SE Act Colorado SE Act