



Monday, February 6, 2023

Dear KIPP Northeast Denver Middle School families:

In April, 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 3-8 will take English language arts and math assessments. Qualifying Spanish speakers in grades 3 and 4 may take the Spanish language arts assessment, in place of the English language arts assessment. Grades 5, 8 and 11 will 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 enclosed **CMAS Schedule** 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 Mountain Lions!

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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>

KNDMS CMAS SCHEDULE 2023

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