



# Colorado Measures of Academic Success

## Using the CMAS Score Report to Support Your Student's Academic Success



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Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments in English language arts, math and science align with the Colorado Academic Standards and measure complex critical thinking and problem solving. A score report is created for each student who takes a CMAS test. The reports feature information that will help parents better understand how well their child is meeting the grade-level expectations of the Colorado Academic Standards and if their child is on track for college and career after graduation.

## Things to Remember

- CMAS tests are aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards, which are like road maps to help ensure students are prepared for college, careers and life.
- CMAS tests are given at the end of the year, and are just one indicator that can be used along with report cards, classroom performance and teacher feedback to provide a complete picture of student progress. This was the first full administration of CMAS since 2019 and it is understood that scores may have been impacted by the disruption of the pandemic.
- State tests measure the skills students need today – such as the ability to think critically and solve complex problems. Knowing in the early grades if students are meeting grade-level expectations gives parents and teachers time to better prepare students for college and jobs after high school.
- Participation information should always be reviewed and taken into consideration when interpreting school- and district-level assessment results.

## How Can I Support My Child?

- Work with your student's teacher to identify strategies to enrich your child's education where they are already meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations. Likewise, your student's teacher can help identify resources to improve performance where needed. Tutoring, after-school programs or at-home activities may be available to help students practice their skills.
- Assure your student that test scores are only one indicator of progress.
- Determine which skills to reinforce at home. The detailed breakdowns of specific skills on your student's score report serve as a great starting point for identifying areas that need improvement.

## Where can I learn more?

Review a [parent guide to understanding the score reports and Frequently Asked Questions on the Resources for Parents webpage.](#)

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