

Dear Mustang Community,

My name is Kolleen Johnson, and I serve as the Director of Student Success for Manitou Springs School District. One of the things I support in this role is state assessment. I wanted to inform you of the assessments that will be happening this spring and their timelines. This testing is used to support our ongoing improvement and for supporting students in individualized programming. We encourage all students to take all state assessments to support us in increasing student achievement for all students.

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments are given in grades 3-8 in English Language Arts and Math. In grades 5, 8, and 11, students are also assessed in Science. This suite of assessments is scheduled for April 8th-25th.

The assessment for grades 9-11 is the SAT suite of assessments. That includes the SAT with essay for students in 11th grade. These assessments will take place on Wednesday, April 17th. While we will accommodate students for makeup assessments, it is most ideal for your student to be at school for the original testing day.

Research shows students do better on testing day and it will ensure they aren't pulled from class time to make up testing. Please take this into consideration as you are scheduling time that your student(s) will not be in attendance.

Each school has its own School Assessment Coordinator who helps to coordinate testing. If you have questions regarding your child's testing, you can contact them directly:

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