



March 7, 2023

Dear Panther families:

Starting on March 20th, 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. Grades 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. Students will need to turn in their cell phones prior to testing each day, and will not have access to them throughout the day. Please contact the main office at **720-424-0420** if you need to get a hold of your student. 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. Along with the student achievement and growth results, student participation in the CMAS, PSAT, and SAT assessments is also included in school and district performance frameworks. Assessment participation lower than 95% results in a lower performance rating by one category. It is our goal to minimally meet the 95% participation rate to support the most accurate rating of our schools and district. Last year, our Middle School achieved a "Performance", or green rating, and we strive to keep that this year.

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 Panthers!

Cristina Bissell, Principal
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Early College
Denver Public Schools



CMAS SCHEDULE

MARCH				
Monday 3-20-23	Tuesday 3-21-23	Wednesday 3-22-23	Thursday 3-23-23	Friday 3-24-23
Grades 6-8 Math Unit 1	Grades 6-8 Math Unit 2 ELA Unit 1	Grades 6-8 Math Unit 3 ELA Unit 2	Grades 6-8 ELA Unit 3 Half Day-Grades 6-8 ONLY Released at 12:10pm	No School Spring Break

Spring Break March 24-April 3

APRIL				
Monday 4-3-23	Tuesday 4-4-23	Wednesday 4-5-23	Thursday 4-6-23	Friday 4-7-23
No School Spring Break	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	Grade 11 Science Units 1-3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 4-10-23	Tuesday 4-11-23	Wednesday 4-12-23	Thursday 4-13-23	Friday 4-14-23
NO TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	SAT testing No school for Middle School	Grade 8 Science Units 1-3	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 4-17-23	Tuesday 4-18-23	Wednesday 4-19-23	Thursday 4-20-23	Friday 4-21-23
NO TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY
Monday 4-24-23	Tuesday 4-25-23	Wednesday 4-26-23	Thursday 4-27-23	Friday 4-28-23
NO TESTING TODAY	MAKE-UP SAT Testing	MAKE-UP TESTING TODAY	Final Makeup Testing Day	No School for Students

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>