



Spring 2017

Dear West Leadership Academy Families:

We will begin the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments on April 12, 2017. These assessments focus on the knowledge and skills our kids need for success in our global economy, including skills such as analytical thinking and the ability to solve complex problems. The CMAS assessments focus on four different content areas depending upon the grade your child is in:

- English Language Arts (ELA) and Math - 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade
- Science - 8th and 11th grade

We want to help parents and families with information to support student success during this time. These assessments will give our teachers critical information to help our students be on track for college and career readiness and help us understand whether our students have the necessary skills to succeed after high school.

Calendar: The calendar was created to communicate to you when the CMAS assessments are occurring. We ask parents and families to ensure their children get plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast every day, but especially on assessment days. In addition, if there are doctor's appointments or other appointments that need to be made, we hope this calendar will help you to make those appointments on non-assessment days.

Attendance: We also want to communicate that all students should be in school *on-time, all day and every day*, regardless of whether assessments are occurring or not. Important teaching and learning happens in between testing, so it is imperative that students are here. Our expectations remain around vacations and we expect parents to continue to plan vacations around the DPS calendar.

Make-Ups: Students do best when they are in their classroom environment for testing. In the event that your child has to miss a test session, they will have to make up the test another time and will be pulled during their instructional time to do so. In addition, due to our teachers needing to teach during all non-testing days, our support staff and teachers are used to give make-ups, which pulls them from supporting instruction in the classroom. To prevent disruption to your child's and other student's day, please make sure that your child is at school every day and limit their absences to only when they are sick.

We appreciate your support during this time. Assessments, including CMAS as well as those taken throughout the year, are vital tools for teachers to support student success. There are online resources to help parents and families support their student during CMAS testing, located at standards.dpsk12.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you, and go **WLA Cowboys!!**

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APRIL				
Monday April 10	Tuesday April 11	Wednesday April 12	Thursday April 13	Friday April 14
	PSAT and SAT 10th and 11th GRADES ONLY No School for 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 12th Grade	6th, 7th, and 8th Grades ELA (English Language Arts), Unit 1 & Unit 2	6th, 7th, and 8th Grades ELA, Unit 3 & MATH Unit 1	6th, 7th, and 8th Grades MATH, Unit 2 & Unit 3
Monday April 17	Tuesday April 18	Wednesday April 19	Thursday April 20	Friday April 21
NO TESTING TODAY	CMAS Science- 11 th Grade Unit 1, Unit 2, & Unit 3	9th Grade ELA, Unit 1 & Unit 2 CMAS Science- 8 th Grade Unit 1 & Unit 2	9th Grade ELA, Unit 3 & MATH Unit 1 CMAS Science- 8 th Grade Unit 3	9th Grades MATH, Unit 2 & Unit 3

ABRIL				
Lunes 10 de Abril	Martes 11 de Abril	Miércoles 12 de Abril	Jueves 13 de Abril	Viernes 14 de Abril
	EXÁMEN DE PSAT y SAT Solo para los grados 10 y 11 Los grados 6, 7, 8, 9 y 12 no tendrán clases.	EXAMEN DE LITERATURA GRADOS 6, 7, 8. Unidades 1 y 2	EXAMEN DE LITERATURA GRADOS 6, 7, 8. Unidad 3 Y EXAMEN DE MATEMÁTICAS Unidad 1	EXAMEN DE MATEMÁTICAS GRADOS 6, 7, Y 8. Unidad 2 Y 3
Lunes 17 de Abril	Martes 18 de Abril	Miércoles 19 de Abril	Jueves 20 de Abril	Viernes 21 de Abril
ESTE DÍA NO HABRÁ EXÁMENES	EXAMEN DE CIENCIAS GRADO 11 Unidades 1, 2 y 3	EXAMEN DE LITERATURA GRADO 9. Unidades 1 y 2 EXAMEN DE CIENCIAS GRADO 8 Unidad 1 y 2	EXAMEN DE LITERATURA Unidad 3 Y MATEMÁTICAS Unidad 1 GRADO 9 EXAMEN DE CIENCIAS GRADO 8 Unidad 3	EXAMEN DE MATEMÁTICAS GRADO 9 Unidad 2 y 3