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Dear CEC families:

In April Colorado students will take end-of-year assessments called **CMAS** or **Colorado Measures of Academic Success**. Students in grade 11 will take science tests. CEC Students will take this test on April 18th.

CMAS tests measure student progress on the **Colorado Academic Standards**, which outline what students should understand, know and be able to do at each grade level and in each content area. CMAS data helps determine if educational goals are being met and if students are on track to graduate prepared for college and career. Although state tests are not perfect and are only one measurement of student progress, when all Colorado students take CMAS, schools can improve instruction for all students and parents can gain important insights.

- Results provide information that shows what your child has been learning and practicing in their classroom, and how well they are connecting with classroom instruction.
- Results for the whole school lets you know how well your school is teaching all students.
- Results provide you and other families in your community with information about how local schools are meeting the needs of all students.

Makeup testing and missed instruction can be avoided by scheduling appointments and vacations for non-testing days, and by ensuring that your student arrives at school on-time. Students may not have cell phones or smart watches during testing and will be asked to turn them off and give them to the teacher before testing begins. This provides standardized testing environments and ensures the validity of tests for Colorado students.

Your support is appreciated; however if you do plan to **excuse** your student from testing, you may do so in the Parent Portal through February (which gives the school time to plan and schedule accordingly). Scroll to the bottom of [this](#) page for opt out instructions.

Student **practice resources** can be found here:

<https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/>.

More information about assessments can be found by clicking the following links:

<https://assessments.dpsk12.org>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.



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Thank you, and go Royals!

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APRIL				
Monday 4/15	Tuesday 4/16	Wednesday 4/17	Thursday 4/18	Friday 4/19
normal school day	normal school day	PSAT 10 SAT -11th grade	PSAT09 CMAS-11th grade	No School