



## State testing for Caprock for 2018

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again for Colorado State testing with CMAS (Colorado Measures for Academic Success) tests for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with PSAT testing for 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders and SAT testing for 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

Colorado is no longer a member of the PARCC consortium and therefore no longer gives the PARCC tests. The PARCC tests have been replaced by CMAS Math and CMAS ELA (English Language Assessment) for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. CMAS is Colorado specific testing and also includes science and social studies testing. Science is taken every year by 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Social Studies will be taken once every three years by 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Caprock 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will not have to take the social studies test this year. The SAT will be given to 11<sup>th</sup> graders this year for the second year replacing the ACT from previous years. The PSAT-10 will be given to 10<sup>th</sup> graders this year like last year and the PSAT-8/9 will be given to 9<sup>th</sup> graders this year instead of the PARCC tests that were given last year.

This year all of these state assessments will be done in a three week testing window from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>. When our students do well on the state assessments, the school can do a better job of attracting funding and staff. The schedules for the assessments are attached. Testing will take place both in the morning and in the afternoon. The schedules for each grade are given on the following pages of this letter.

This year, in the Transition from PARCC to CMAS math and ELA, a new rule has been applied. The tests must be given in order. This means if a student is absent for a test they cannot rejoin his/her class group in testing when they come back. This makes testing and scheduling much more difficult for students that are absent. Please try not schedule doctor's appointments, etc. for these days if possible. Students will not be given homework assignments except for their reading during the days of their testing.

To help your child get ready for testing:

- \*Please make sure they get enough sleep.
- \*Please make sure they eat a healthy breakfast and pack a healthy lunch.
- \*Please make sure they come to school on time and stay for the whole day.

Please be aware that Parent Volunteers are not allowed on campus during April 10, 11, 12, and 17. Also be aware of signs posted on doorways and in the common room to alert you to testing that is in progress should you be on campus during other dates. If you need to leave a note or drop off a forgotten lunch or backpack, please leave it in the front office and we will make sure your child gets it as soon as testing is complete.

Your children are all very bright, capable and well prepared for the challenges they will face throughout their lives. Thank you so much for all of your support and hard work.

If you have any questions concerning the testing schedule, etc. please feel free to contact Ron Phillips, Director of Data and Assessment, or Kristin Trezise, Head of School, at 970-243-1771.

Sincerely,

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