

Assessment Information Announcement
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OLA Parents,

As a principal, I cannot legally persuade families to opt in or opt out of annual state assessments (CMAS, PSAT, & SAT exams). However, in consideration of making an informed choice, I can communicate that in the case of students planning on graduating 2021 and later, taking the PSAT and SAT may help avoid needing to do a capstone project.

Please see the enclosed Colorado Department of Education handout regarding new graduation requirements for all graduating seniors the class of 2021 and forward (students who are 10th grade, graduating in May of 2021 and later, will need to demonstrate workforce ready competency in English and Mathematics to graduate).

Counselor Dave and I are working with Branson Online Schools to set-up our annual statewide testing centers. At the moment, we're still working out the specific testing center locations, days, and times, but below is a summary of last year's test sites (as a preview of what will be offered again this year). At the moment, our testing dates look like the majority of testing will be scheduled the week of April 8 - 11 (with a few minimal sites being scheduled the week of April 15-18). Please make tentative plans accordingly if you choose to opt in for testing; please return your opt out form if you plan on not testing (please let us know as soon as possible, this will help us plan and cancel unneeded testing centers).

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we get through another year of assessments, and please reinforce for your student(s) that if you choose to opt in, state testing is just one tiny piece of data teachers and I use to improve our curriculum and instruction. Staff does NOT use testing data to make judgements about individual students; they only use patterns of data to improve their instruction, and I use the information to help coach teachers to improve.

Tentative Testing OLA Testing Centers Spring 2019
(for planning purposes, this year's exact locations and dates tentative)

Hometown	Last Year's Test Site City (Still Tentative for Sp. 2019)	Last Year's Test Site (Still Tentative for Sp. 2019)
Broomfield, Denver, Thornton, Brighton, Westminster, Northglenn, Arvada, Ft. Lupton, Centennial, Fraser, Conifer	North Denver (Westminster)	Devry University 1870 West 122nd Ave Westminster, CO 80234
Loveland, LaSalle, Greeley, Johnstown, Fort Collins, Greeley, Julesburg, Merino, Sterling, Orchard	Greeley	University of Northern Colorado - University Center 2045 10th Avenue Greeley, CO
Aurora, Castle Rock, Parker, Lakewood, Bailey, Franktown, Elizabeth, Commerce City, Kiowa, Englewood, Littleton	South Denver (Lone Tree)	University of Phoenix 10004 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

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Colorado Springs, Simla, Fountain, Calhan, Peyton	Colorado Springs / Central Colorado	University of Colorado Colorado Springs Conference Center
Pueblo, Pueblo West, Walsenberg, Florissant, Canon City, Avondale, Florence	Pueblo / South Central Colorado	Pueblo Community College Student Center
Salida, Hartsel, Buena Vista, Leadville	Buena Vista	Buena Vista Community Center 715 East Main Street Buena Vista, CO 81211
Branson, Trinidad	Branson / Southern Colorado	Branson School 101 Saddle Rock Drive Branson, CO 81027
Las Animas, La Junta, Lamar, Rocky Ford, Groveland	La Junta / Southeastern Colorado	Otero Junior College 1802 Colorado Avenue La Junta, CO
Monte Vista, Del Norte, Jaroso	Monte Vista / South Central Colorado	On-Line Academy Byron Syring DELTA Center 345 East Prospect Ave. Monte Vista, CO 81144
Collbran, Parachute, Grand Junction	Grand Junction / Central Western Slope	Two Rivers Convention Center 159 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO
New Castle, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, Basalt	Glenwood Springs	Morgridge Commons 815 Cooper Avenue, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Durango, Cortez, Pagosa Springs, Bayfield	Durango	Durango Rec Center 2700 Mian Ave Durango, CO 81301

Thank you for notifying us as soon as possible regarding planning to opt out (by default, if we are not notified of parent refusal we will plan on you opting in).

As soon as Dave and I work out the specifics of this year's testing schedule with Branson Online Schools, we will disseminate that information immediately to help in everyone's planning.

To provide OLA the parent refusal (testing opt-out form), please complete it, and mail it back to us (or scan it / take a scan like picture of it, and email us a copy we can print out on our side).

Thank you! You'll be "hearing" from Dave again soon.



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Mr. Wright