



Third Grade Assessments

Assessment Name/Type	Federal, State or District	Purpose	Student Impact (Time/# Days)	Additional Information
CMAS English Language Arts and Math	State	The CMAS assessments are designed to give schools and teachers more information to improve instruction. CMAS is designed to let parents know how their child is progressing academically.	Total testing time is about 8.25 hours. Tests are completed over several sessions within the 5 week testing window. Each session can last between 60 and 100 minutes.	Some Colorado students will participate in a 90 minute field test of questions that could be used in future years. Field test items have been included on state assessments for many years. These items are not included in a student's CMAS scores.
DIBELS Reading	District	This assessment helps teachers identify students with significant reading deficiencies (SRD). Specific needs and goals are added to the Individual School Readiness Plan. The Winter and Spring tests check progress.	Benchmark 15 minutes. If a student's score on the screener is well below benchmark, teacher will administer a diagnostic assessment. The time impact for the screening and progress monitoring is less than 5 minutes.	This assessment is administered by the teacher to each student individually. The teacher scores the assessment on a touchscreen device. District 51 is participating in the Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) project which includes the use of DIBELS. DIBELS is an approved assessment through HB 1238: Colorado Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act.
NWEA Math & Reading 3x Science 2x	District	This assessment lets students know how well they are mastering Reading & Math Standards as well as assist teachers in developing lessons and interventions.	The time impact on students is 45-60 minutes per test. This assessment is administered in the Fall and Winter. Total number of hours for school year: up to 2 hours.	Teachers may assign short assessments once a month so students can monitor their progress as they master the standards.
Next Step Guided Reading	District	Assess students' strengths, challenges, and guided reading levels.	Benchmark given 3x year, once a trimester	Included four components: Required: Reading Assessment Conference Optional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Interest Survey • Developmental Word Knowledge Inventory • Whole Class Comprehension Assessment

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