Superintendents/Principals to Parents

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**CMAS score reports headed home**

Parents will soon receive the score reports that detail how their students performed on statewide Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies.

The score reports are from state assessments your student took in the spring. They provide you with additional feedback on your student’s progress. The reports explain whether your student met grade-level expectations laid out in the Colorado Academic Standards and whether he or she is on track for college and a career.

The CMAS tests are aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards, which are like road maps to help ensure students are prepared for college, careers and life. The state tests are designed to measure real world skills, like critical thinking, problem-solving and writing.

CMAS is the only common measurement of students across Colorado and a good way for parents to gauge how their students are doing compared to their peers in our school, district and across the state. Keep in mind, these tests are only one measure of a child’s academic achievement. Classroom grades and teacher feedback, along with the test scores, can provide parents with a more complete picture of their student’s academic progress.

Score reports can help identify your student’s strengths and weaknesses within each content area. When talking to your student’s teacher, use information from the reports as a starting point for discussing what additional supports may be available to help your child succeed as well where to focus learning time at home.

CDE has created tools to help parents understand the tests and what to expect for the school year. Information in both English and Spanish include FAQs about the tests, a guide to understanding the score reports and explainers about the SAT and PSAT. All of the resources can be found at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>.