

Springfield Public Schools

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Parents:

This letter contains information about the state testing that will take place during the spring 2016 semester. Springfield Schools is required by Colorado Law to administer the Colorado Measure of Academic Standards (CMAS). This year's administration include tests in English Language Arts and Mathematic for students in grades 3-8 and the 10th grade, tests in Science for grades 5, 8, and 10, and tests in Social Studies for grades 4. Tests are administered in 2-3 sessions, lasting roughly 60-80 minutes each. The administration window for these tests is March 21st to April 29th.

Colorado Law also requires Springfield Schools to administer the PSAT to 10th graders and the SAT to 11th graders. Administration dates are yet to be determined by the State, but traditionally the State administration of college preparatory exams has taken place in late April. These tests are roughly 3 hours each.

Parents have the right to exempt their children from these state tests, but it must be done in writing and must indicate the state testing program the child is released from. For example, a hand signed note delivered to the building secretary stating "Please excuse Johnny from taking the CMAS tests for the 2016 school year" would suffice. At this time it is only allowable to exempt students from the CMAS, PSAT, and the SAT.

Questions regarding the state testing should be directed to Kyle Lasley at 719-523-6522 or kyle.lasley@spre4.org.

Thank you for your time,

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