



Colorado's Standards

CSAP Mathematics Assessment Framework

Grade 10

ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK– defines what will be assessed on the State’s paper and pencil, standardized, timed assessment (CSAP). This document is organized as follows:

Standard	<i>Indicates the broad knowledge and skills that all students should be acquiring in Colorado schools for the grade level indicated. Each standard is assessed every year.</i>	
Benchmark	<i>Tactical description of the knowledge and skills students should acquire within each grade level range (i.e., K-4, 5-8, or 9-12).</i>	
Assessment Objectives	a	<i>Specific knowledge and skills measured by CSAP for each grade level assessed. Assessment Objectives are assessed on a cyclical basis.</i>

*Note: The appearance of an * behind a word or phrase indicates it appears in the glossary of the Colorado Model Content Standards for Mathematics.*

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Standard 1	Students develop number sense* and use numbers and number relationships in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Demonstrate meanings for real numbers*, absolute value*, and scientific notation* using physical materials and technology in problem-solving situations*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Compare and order sets of real numbers*.
	b	Recognize and use equivalent representations of real numbers* in a variety of forms including scientific notation*, radicals, and other irrational numbers* such as π .
	c	Use very large and very small numbers in real life situations to solve problems (for example, understanding the size of the national debt).
Benchmark 2	Develop, test, and conjectures* about the properties of number systems and sets of numbers.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Develop and test conjectures* about the properties of the real number system and common subsets of the real number system (for example, counting numbers, integers*, rationals).
	b	Verify and apply the properties of the operation “to the power of”.
Benchmark 3	Use number sense* to estimate and justify the reasonableness of solutions to problems involving real numbers*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Use number sense* to estimate and justify the reasonableness of solutions to problems involving real numbers*.

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Standard 2	Students use algebraic methods* to explore, model*, and describe patterns* and functions* involving numbers, shapes, data, and graphs in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Model* real world phenomena (for example, distance-versus-time relationships, compound interest, amortization tables, mortality rates) using functions*, equations, inequalities, and matrices*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Model* real world phenomena involving linear, quadratic and exponential relationships using multiple representations of rules that can take the form of a recursive process, a function*, an equation, or an inequality.
Benchmark 2	Represent functional relationships using written explanations, tables, equations, and graphs and describe the connections among these representations.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Represent functional relationships using written explanations, tables, equations, and graphs, and describe the connections among these representations.
	b	Convert from one functional representation to another.
	c	Interpret a graphical representation of a real-world situation.
Benchmark 3	Solve problems involving functional relationships using graphing calculators and/or computers as well as appropriate paper-and-pencil techniques.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Solve problems involving functions* and relations using calculators, graphs, tables, and algebraic methods*.
	b	Solve simple systems of equations using algebraic, graphical or numeric methods.
	c	Solve equations with more than one variable* for a given variable (for example, solve for p in $l = prt$ or for r in $C = 2\pi r$).

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Benchmark 4	Analyze and explain the behaviors, transformations*, and general properties of types of equations and functions* (for example, linear*, quadratic*, exponential*).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Identify and interpret x- and y- intercepts in the context of a problem.
	b	Using a graph, identify the maximum and minimum value within a given domain.
	c	Demonstrate horizontal and vertical translations* on graphs of functions* and their meanings in the context of a problem.
	d	Recognize when a relation is a function*.
Benchmark 5	Interpret algebraic equations and inequalities geometrically and describe geometric relationships algebraically.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Graph solutions to equations and inequalities in one-and two-dimensions.
	b	Express the perimeter, area and volume* relationships of geometric figures algebraically.
	c	Describe geometric relationships algebraically.
Standard 3	Students use data collection and analysis, statistics*, and probability* in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Design and conduct a statistical experiment to study a problem, and interpret and communicate the results using the appropriate technology (for example, graphing calculators, computer software).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Identify factors which may have affected the outcome of a survey (for example, biased questions or collection methods).

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	b	Draw conclusions about a large population based upon a properly chosen random sample.
	c	Select and use an appropriate display to represent and describe a set of data (for example, scatter plot*, line graph and histogram).
Benchmark 2	Analyze statistical claims for erroneous conclusions or distortions.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Check a graph, table or summary for misleading characteristics.
	b	Recognize the misuse of statistical data in written arguments.
	c	Describe how data can be interpreted in more than one way or be used to support more than one position in a debate.
	d	Describe how the responses to a survey can be affected by the way the questions are phrased and/or by the reader's bias.
Benchmark 3	Fit curves to scatter plots* using informal methods or appropriate technology to determine the strength of the relationship between two data sets and to make predictions.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Graph data sets, create a scatter plot*, and identify the control (independent) variable and dependent variable.
	b	Determine a line of best fit from a scatter plot* using visual techniques.
	c	Predict values using a line of best fit.
	d	Show how extrapolation may lead to faulty conclusions.
	e	Recognize which model, linear or nonlinear, fits the data most appropriately.

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Benchmark 4	Draw conclusions about distributions of data based on analysis of statistical summaries (for example, the combination of mean and standard deviation, and differences between the mean and median).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Differentiate between mean, median, and mode and demonstrate the appropriate use of each.
	b	Recognize and classify various types of distributions (for example, bimodal, skewed, uniform, binomial, normal).
	c	Use the mean and standard deviation to determine relative positions of data points in a normal distribution of authentic data.
	d	Demonstrate how outliers might affect various representations of data and measures of central tendency*.
Benchmark 5	Use experimental and theoretical probability* to represent and solve problems involving uncertainty (for example, the chance of playing professional sports if a student is a successful high school athlete).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Determine the probability* of an identified event using the sample space.
	b	Distinguish between experimental and theoretical probability* and use each appropriately.
	c	Differentiate between independent and dependent events to calculate the probability* in real-world situations*.
	d	Calculate the probability* of event A and B occurring and the probability* of event A or B occurring.
	e	Use area models to determine probability* (for example, the probability* of hitting the bull's eye region in a target).

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Benchmark 6	Solve real-world problems* with informal use of combinations* and permutations* for example, determining the number of possible meals at a restaurant featuring a given number of side dishes).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Apply organized counting techniques to determine combinations* and permutations* in problem-solving situations*.
Standard 4	Students use geometric concepts, properties, and relationships in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Find and analyze relationships among geometric figures using transformations* (for example, reflections*, translations*, rotations*, dilations*) in coordinate systems*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Describe and apply the properties of similar and congruent* figures.
	b	Solve problems involving symmetry* and transformations*.
	c	Use coordinate geometry* and/or tessellations to solve problems.
	d	Describe cylinders, cones and spheres that result from the rotation* of rectangles, triangles and semicircles about a line.
Benchmark 2	Derive and use methods to measure perimeter, area, and volume* of regular and irregular geometric figures.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Use the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse to solve real-world problems*.
	b	Use properties of polygons to find areas of regular and irregular figures.
	c	Use properties of geometric solids to find volumes and surface areas of regular and irregular geometric solids.

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Benchmark 3	Make and test conjectures* about geometric shapes and their properties, incorporating technology where appropriate.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Make and test conjectures* about geometric shapes and their properties to include parallelism and perpendicularity, numerical relationships on a triangle, relationships between triangles, and properties of quadrilaterals and regular polygons.
	b	Apply geometric relationships such as parallelism and perpendicularity, numerical relationships on a triangle, relationships between triangles, and properties of quadrilaterals and regular polygons to solve problems.
Benchmark 4	Use trigonometric ratios* in problem-solving situations* (for example, finding the height of a building from a given point, if the distance to the building and the angle of elevation are known).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Use right triangle trigonometry* to solve real-world problems*.
Standard 5	Students use a variety of tools and techniques to measure, apply the results in problem-solving situations*, and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Measure quantities indirectly using techniques of algebra*, geometry*, or trigonometry*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Use appropriate measurements to solve problems indirectly (for example, find the height of a flagpole using similar triangles).
	b	Use measurement to solve real-world problems* involving rate of change (for example, distance traveled using rate and time).
	c	Given the rate of change, model* real-world problems* algebraically or graphically.
	d	Describe how changing the measure of one attribute of a geometric figure affects the other measurements.

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Benchmark 2	Select and use appropriate tools and techniques to measure quantities in order to achieve specified degrees of precision, accuracy and error (or tolerance) of measurements.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Select and use appropriate tools and techniques to measure quantities in order to achieve specified degrees of precision, accuracy, and error of measurements.
	b	Given commonly used multi-dimensional figures, determine what units and measurements need to be taken.
Benchmark 3	Determine the degree of accuracy of a measurement (for example, by understanding and using significant details).	
Assessment Objectives	a	Determine the number of significant digits when measuring and calculating with those measurements.
Standard 6	Students link concepts and procedures as they develop and use computational techniques, including estimation, mental arithmetic*, paper-and-pencil, calculators, and computers, in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
Benchmark 1	Use ratios, proportions, and percents in problem-solving situations*.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Use ratios, proportions, and percents in problem-solving situations* that involve rational numbers*.
	b	Convert from one set of units to another using proportions (for example, feet/minute to miles/hour).
	c	Apply direct variation to problem-solving situations*.

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Benchmark 2	Select and use appropriate methods algorithms* for computing with real numbers* in problem-solving situations* from among mental arithmetic*, estimation, paper-and-pencil, calculator, and computer methods, and determine whether the results are reasonable.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Apply appropriate computational methods to solve multi-step problems involving all types of numbers from the real number system.
Benchmark 3	Describe the limitations of estimation and assessing the amount of error resulting from estimation within acceptable tolerance limits.	
Assessment Objectives	a	Determine when estimation is an appropriate method to solve a problem and describe what error might result from estimation.
<p><i>Beyond the CSAP</i></p>		
<p>This section identifies additional knowledge and abilities to promote math development for students continuing their mathematics education beyond the CSAP measured standards.</p>		
Standard 1	Students develop number sense* and use numbers and number relationships in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.	
	Investigate limiting processes by examining infinite sequences and series.	
	Explain relationships among real numbers, complex numbers*, and vectors* using models.	
Standard 2	Students use algebraic methods* to explore, model*, and describe patterns* and functions* involving numbers,	

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	shapes, data, and graphs in problem-solving situations*and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.
	Use rational, polynomial, trigonometric, and inverse functions to model real-world phenomena.
	Represent and solve problems using linear programming and difference equations.
	Solve systems of linear equations using matrices and vectors.
	Describe the concept of continuity of a function.
	Perform operations on and between functions.
	Make the connections between trigonometric functions and polar coordinates, complex numbers, and series.
Standard 3	Students use data collection and analysis, statistics*, and probability* in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.
	Create and interpret discrete and continuous probability distributions, and understanding their application to real-world situations (for example, insurance).
	Test hypotheses using appropriate statistics.
	Explore the effect of sample size on the results of statistical surveys using experiments and simulations.
	Solve real-world problems with formal use of combinations and permutations.
Standard 4	Students use geometric concepts, properties, and relationships in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.
	Deduce properties of figures using vectors*.

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	Apply transformations, coordinates, and vectors in problem-solving situations.
	Describe, analyze, and extend patterns produced by processes of geometric change (for example, limits and fractals).
Standard 5	Students use a variety of tools and techniques to measure, apply the results in problem-solving situations*, and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.
	Demonstrate the meanings of area under a curve and length of an arc.
Standard 6	Students link concepts and procedures as they develop and use computational techniques, including estimation, mental arithmetic*, paper-and-pencil, calculators, and computers, in problem-solving situations* and communicate the reasoning used in solving these problems.
	Analyze and solve optimization problems*.
	Analyze different algorithms (for example, sorting) for efficiency.
	Analyze and use critical path algorithms (for example, determining in which order to perform a set of tasks in a large project).
	Investigate problem situations that arise in connection with computer validation and the application of algorithms.