

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Eighth grade is an exciting and memorable year for students. We have begun speaking with our students about high school and beyond including the upcoming PSAT 8 assessment, electives choices, and their spring career project.

I write this letter from my seat as the District Assessment Coordinator because our 8th graders will be engaging in multiple assessments this spring. As a district, we want you to be aware of these assessments, their purpose, and that we will do our best to limit their impact on your student's instructional time.

Manitou Springs Middle School was randomly selected to give the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP. This assessment will be given to 50 8th graders, who are randomly chosen by NAEP, on March 1st. More details about NAEP will be coming soon.

Additionally, as a district we give the SAT Suite of assessments to all students in 8th-11th grade. The second semester 8th grade PSAT will happen on March 4th.

In Mid-April, 8th graders will take the ELA, Math, and Science CMAS assessment per Colorado State Statute.

The Middle School team has been working on these schedules since the fall and can answer specific questions regarding days/times. I am also here to support in any way I can, so please feel free to contact me.

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