

AIMS UPDATE FOR TEST COORDINATORS

Arizona Department of Education - Assessment Section

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011-2012 TESTING

- June 30** Test Coordinator Information due **new earlier due date** (see page 2)
- Fall 2011 AIMS HS Testing**
- Aug. 22–Sept. 2** Register for Online Fall 2011 AIMS HS Pre-Test Workshop (see page 2)
- Aug. 22–Sept. 2** Confirm attendance for In-Person Fall 2011 AIMS HS Pre-Test Workshop (by invitation only) (see page 2)
- Aug. 22–Sept. 2** Enter participation counts for Fall 2011 AIMS HS Testing
- Sept. 12-16** Online Fall 2011 AIMS HS Pre-Test Workshops
- Sept. 20-22** In-Person Fall 2011 AIMS HS Pre-Test Workshops (by invitation only)
- October 3-6** 1st delivery window for Fall 2011 AIMS HS test materials
- October 11-13** 2nd delivery window for Fall 2011 AIMS HS test materials
- October 25** **AIMS HS WRITING** (no make-up)
- October 26** **AIMS HS READING** (no make-up)
- October 27** **AIMS HS MATHEMATICS** (no make-up)
- Oct. 31–Nov. 2** Test materials return window
- December 8** Fall 2011 AIMS HS score reports posted to PearsonAccess
- December 15** Fall 2011 AIMS HS score reports due to District Test Coordinators (paper copies)

Spring 2012 AIMS HS, AIMS 3-8, Stanford 10 Testing

See the Detailed Testing Calendar for 2011-2012, on the Test Coordinator webpage, for testing dates and guidelines for scheduling AIMS 3-8 and Stanford 10 testing.

SPRING 2011 SCORE REPORTS

The Spring 2011 score reports for AIMS HS, AIMS 3-8, and Stanford 10 are expected to be available on PearsonAccess and delivered in paper as scheduled. Please refer to the Critical Dates calendar, distributed at the pre-test workshop, for the detailed schedule of report posting to PearsonAccess and the delivery of paper reports.

Reports Posted on PearsonAccess

PDF versions of the paper AIMS and Stanford 10 score reports and electronic student data files for AIMS and Stanford 10 will be posted to PearsonAccess. Instructions for how to find and download these reports and student data files are included in *Spring 2011 AIMS User Guide – Test Results*. This user guide is posted on the Arizona AIMS landing page of PearsonAccess.

Districts/schools are not required to print out the PDF reports. However, districts/schools are strongly encouraged to download and securely save the PDF files.

Districts/schools **are required** to download and securely save the student data files. The AIMS SDF is a pre-formatted tab-delimited file that can be opened directly in Excel. The Stanford 10 SDF is a fixed-width text file that requires parsing before it can be opened in Excel. Detailed instructions on how to open these files are included in the *Spring 2011 AIMS User Guide – Test Results*

The reports and student data files will be available on PearsonAccess for only a short time. Refer to the Critical Dates calendar for details.

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SPRING 2011 SCORE REPORTS (continued)

Embargo on Aggregate Test Results

Aggregate AIMS HS, AIMS 3-8, and Stanford 10 test results in any form are embargoed and are not to be shared with the public until the public release of test results by ADE scheduled for July 13. Until July 13, aggregate test results may be shared with staff on a need-to-know basis only. However, individual student results for AIMS HS, AIMS 3-8, and Stanford 10 are not embargoed. **Individual student results may be released to students/parents immediately upon receipt.**

Verifying Reports

All reports should be reviewed as soon as possible after being posted on PearsonAccess. It is not necessary to wait until the paper copies arrive to review reports. When reviewing reports verify that every student tested received a student report for every content area tested. If student reports appear to be missing, or other report corrections are needed, contact Pearson immediately. Districts will be charged for corrections due to an error on the part of the district. Pearson must receive report corrections by the closing date. Refer to the Critical Dates calendar for these dates.

Contacting Pearson about missing reports and other report corrections does **not** correct your data for AYP or AZ LEARNS purposes. Follow the procedures and deadlines defined by the ADE Research and Evaluation Section for data verification, data corrections, and appeals for AYP and AZ LEARNS evaluations.

New AIMS Writing Scores

Due to the addition of multiple choice items and the new holistic scoring rubric for the extended response to the prompt, the scores for the new Spring 2011 AIMS Writing tests will be reported using a different range of scale scores. The change in scale score range does not mean that the Spring 2011 AIMS Writing test was easier or harder than previous AIMS Writing test. The change in scale score range was made to help emphasize that the format of the Spring 2011 AIMS Writing test was different from previous years.

Spring 2011 AIMS Writing scores should not be compared to Fall 2010 or Spring 2010 or earlier AIMS Writing scores. A similar break in comparability and change in scale score ranges occurred in Spring 2005. The AIMS Writing scores from Spring 2005 through Fall 2010 are comparable to each other. Spring 2011 scores will be comparable to future AIMS Writing scores.

2011-2012 TOPICS

Test Coordinator Information

Like last year, Test Coordinator Information for school year 2011-12 will be submitted electronically. An email with instructions will be sent to district superintendents and charter representatives in mid-May. The due date for the return of the Test Coordinator Information sheet is June 30. This earlier due date will facilitate better communication between the ADE Assessment Section and test coordinators at the beginning of the school year.

Fall 2011 Pre-Test Workshops

In response to popular demand and due to ongoing budget issues, the Fall 2011 AIMS HS Pre-Test Workshops will be delivered online for most test coordinators. More details about the online pre-test workshops will be included in the August AIMS Update.

There will be invitation only in-person Fall 2011 Pre-Test Workshops for a limited number of test coordinators. New test coordinators and coordinators who experienced particular difficulties with test administration or materials handling during the 2010-2011 school year will be invited to an in-person pre-test workshop. Invitations to the in-person workshops will be sent out in mid-August.

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