AZELLA at PELL

SEPTEMBER 2020

The AZELLA Team

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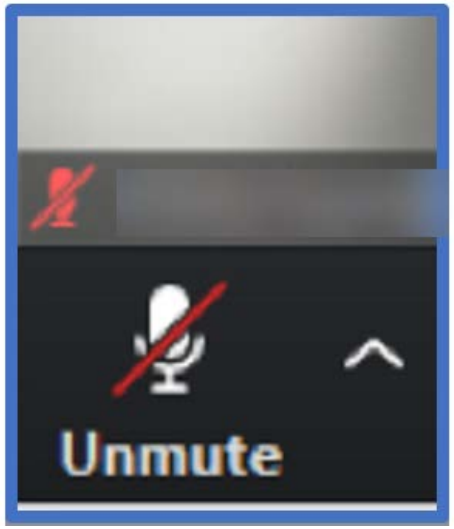

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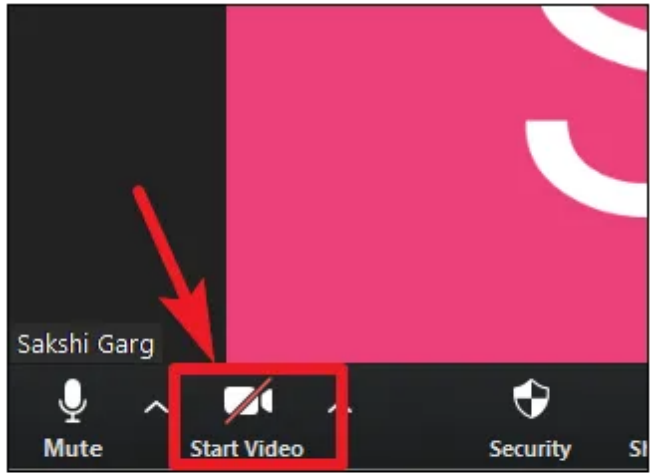

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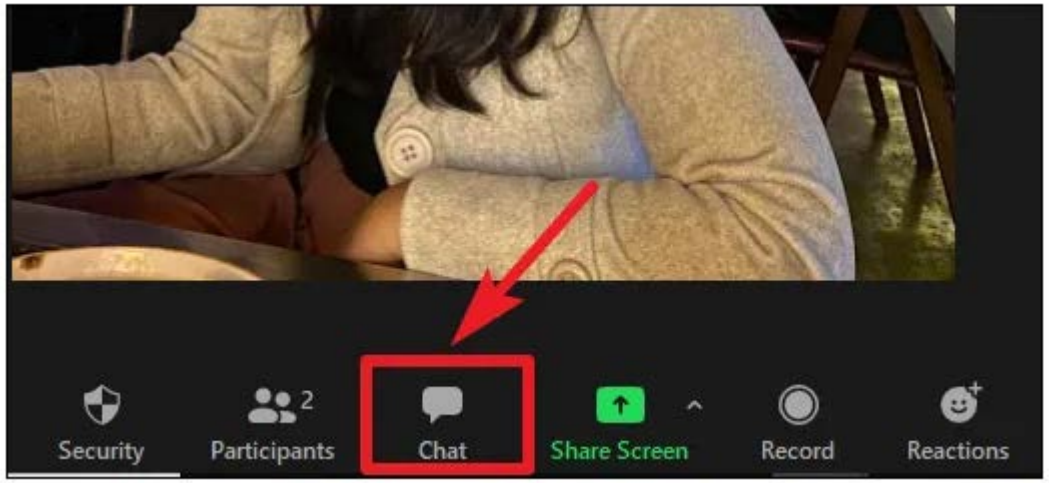

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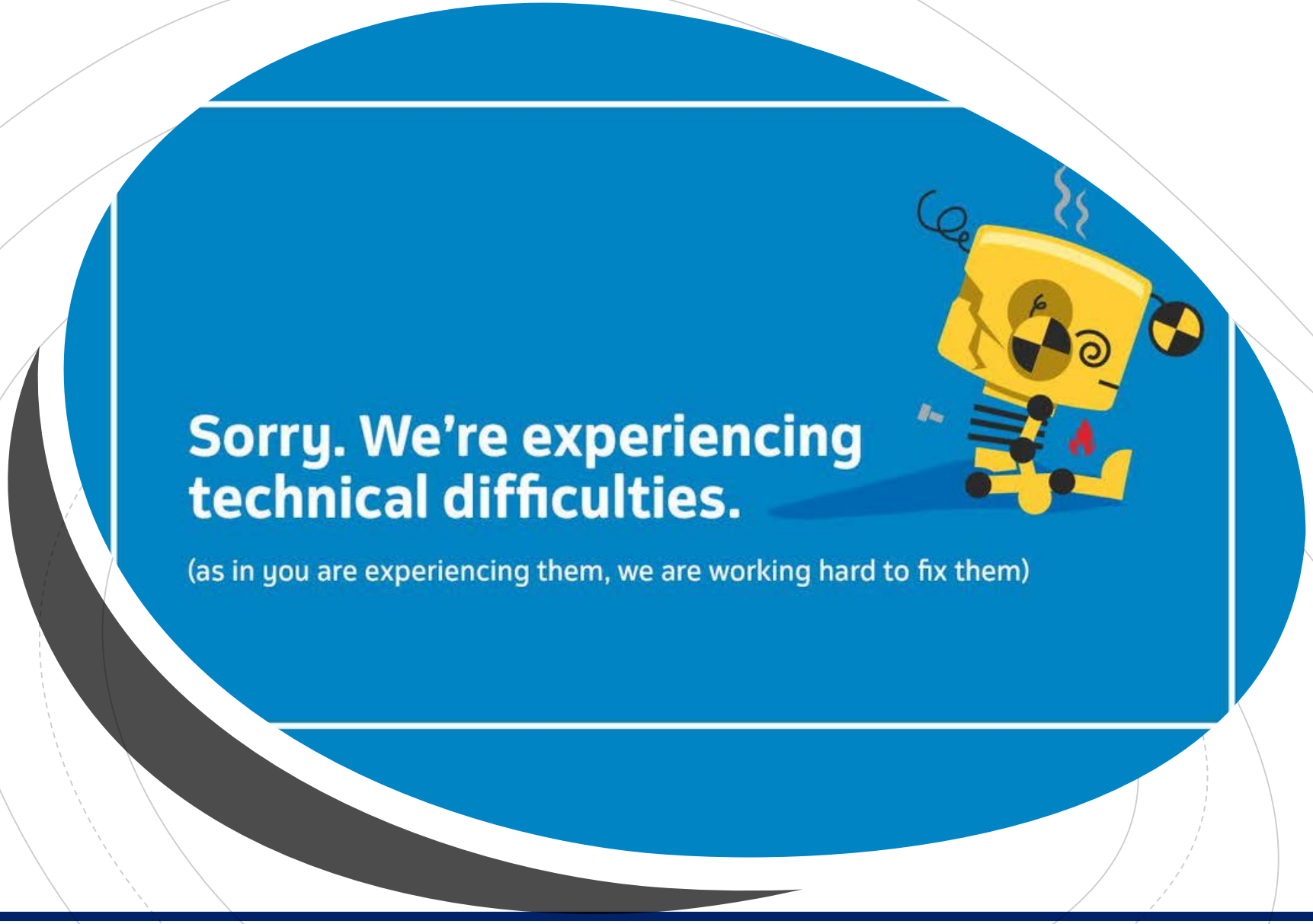

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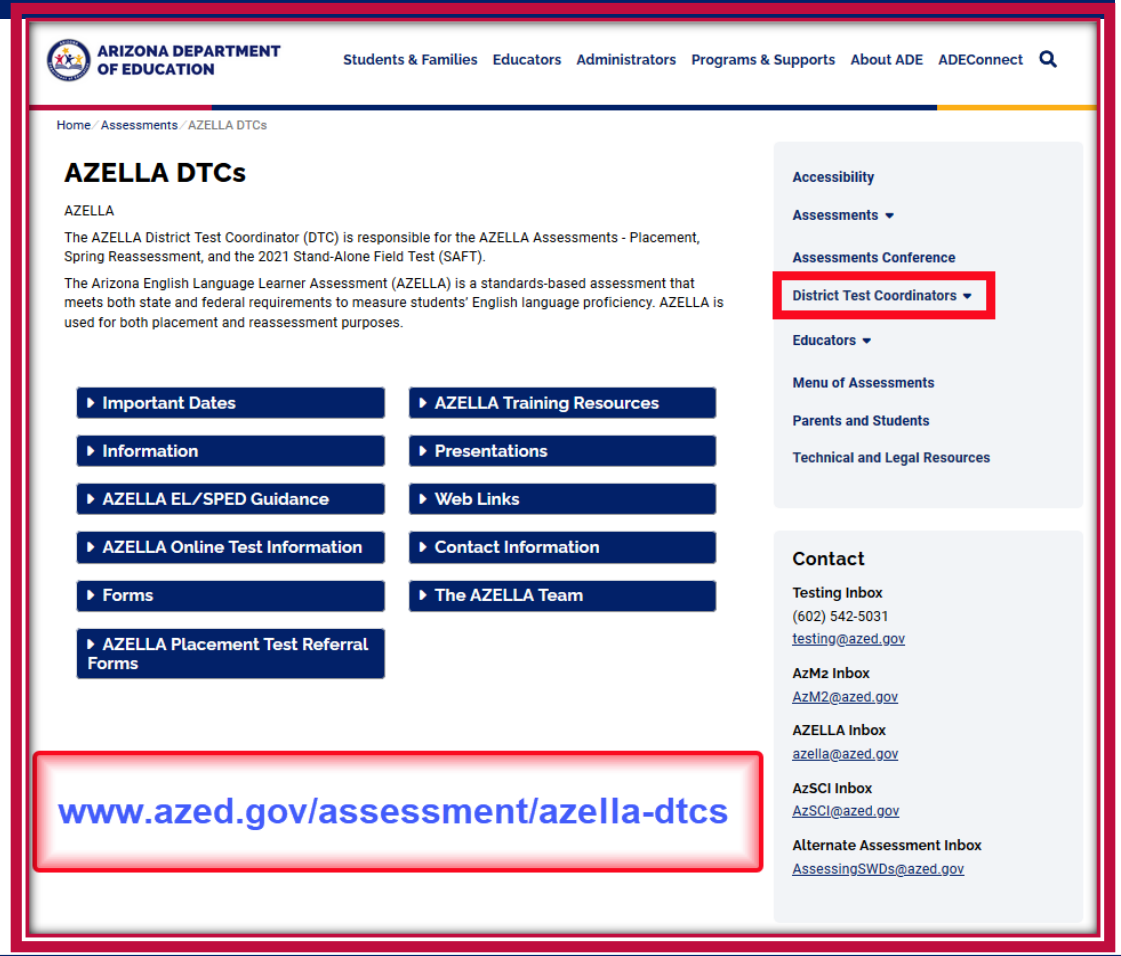

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Name, Position, District, Email, Phone Number

BEST way to communicate with the AZELLA Team is by email

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AZELLA Communications

- **July 1** (AZELLA Guidance - Placement Test Administration 2020-2021)
- **July 2** (Welcome AZELLA DTC to SY 2020-2021)
- **July 10** (AZELLA - Placement 2020-2021 Start Date)
- **July 27** (AZELLA - Clarification on AZELLA Placement)
- **July 31** (AZELLA - EL Identification Guidance Updated)
- **August 3** (The Examiner Newsletter – August 2020)
- **August 14** (AZELLA Placement Test Administration Update for the 2020-2021 School Year)

Please contact the AZELLA Team – azella@azed.gov if you did not receive any of these communications

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ADEConnect

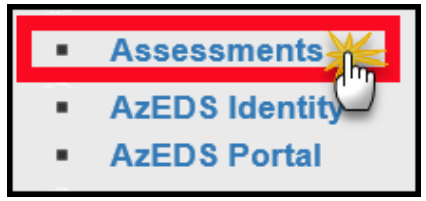
EL Reports and Corrections

AZELLA DTC must have an ADEConnect account with the role of

- **AZELLA District Test Coordinator**
  (only 1 per district with this role)
- **ELL**
  (all others who require access to EL reports)

Contact **your district** ADEConnect Entity Administrator for an ADEConnect account

Refer to the *Reports and Corrections* training module - ATMS



AZELLA Placement Tests **are** Required

Students who are eligible for a Placement Test **must** be administered a Placement Test:

- When in-person learning is taking place at the school
- Virtual learning students - once the district/school determines it is safe to bring students to an official district/school building to administer the test (this can be by appointment) and the parent(s) feel comfortable to bring their student in for testing

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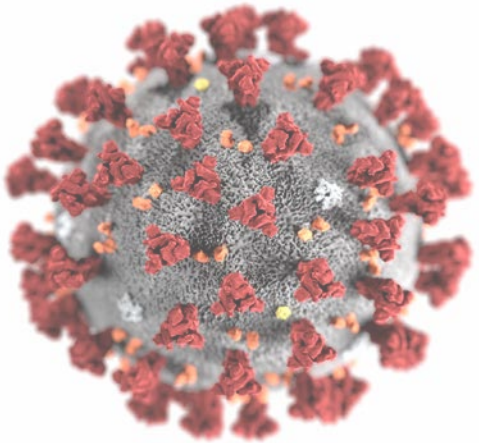
AZELLA Placement Tests

Students who are eligible to be administered the AZELLA Placement Test

- Incoming Kindergarten students and **new-to-AZ** students
  - Must have a language other than English and American Sign Language (ASL) on their Home Language Survey
- Most recent AZELLA record shows an EL Status as “Undetermined”
- Students who should have been administered the Spring 2020 Reassessment but could not due to school closures and **DOES NOT** have a 2019-2020 Placement test record
- Students who have a (red font) message on their EL70 Report indicating they need a new Placement Test
- Students who are listed as **EL Group 8** on the EL73 Report

An AZELLA test history supersedes an all-English HLS – you must review students’ EL70 Reports!



Safe & Secure Test Administration

AZELLA Placement Test Administration Guidance for the 2020 – 2021 School Year

All AZELLA tests **MUST** be administered **in-person** in a secure test environment at the official district office and school buildings ensuring test validity and reliability.

Starting August 17, districts had to make local decisions based on the health metrics as to when they met or will meet the benchmarks to safely bring students into the school campuses for different purposes, including AZELLA testing.

Schools should be following CDC guidelines, the *ADHS Re-opening Benchmarks*, and your District's COVID-19 policies and protocols while maintaining a secure test environment and **following all** test security policies and procedures.

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KPT Administration – Dec. 15

The Kindergarten Placement Test (KPT) is designed to measure the English language proficiency of **beginning** kindergarten students. Therefore, when a student has been enrolled in a kindergarten program in Arizona for a few months, the KPT is no longer an appropriate test to determine if the student has a language acquisition need.

Eligible kindergarten students who have been in school during the fall months but have not been administered the KPT prior to **December 15**, must wait until February and be administered the **Stage I Spring 2021 AZELLA Reassessment Test**.

This does NOT mean that districts have until December 15 to administer the KPT. All eligible kindergarten students should be administered the KPT as soon as practicable.

Eligible students in Grades 1-12 also need to be administered the Placement Test as soon as practicable. **Unlike the KPT**, the Stages II-V Placement tests are appropriate for (Placement) administration throughout the school year.

EL/SPED Accommodations

Students who are eligible for an AZELLA Placement Test, regardless of disability, are required to be administered the test.

- The ***Universal Test Administration Accommodations*** are available for students. Utilizing any of these accommodations **does not** require ADE approval.

- The ***AZELLA Accommodations for Students with Disabilities*** are available to students with a current IEP or 504 Plan. These are **pre-approved by ADE**. These accommodations **MUST** be included in the student's IEP or 504 Plan for **daily instruction and explicitly for the AZELLA state assessment**.

- Not all accommodations are appropriate for the AZELLA test. When the student has accommodations included in their IEP or 504 Plan for daily instruction and state assessments that ARE NOT pre-approved by ADE for AZELLA, then the ***AZELLA Additional Accommodations Request Form*** must be submitted online. ADE reviews and responds to all submissions.

AZELLA *(Arizona's English Language Learner Assessment)* Accommodations

ADD link to AZELLA Additional Accommodations Request Form once it is available on new web site

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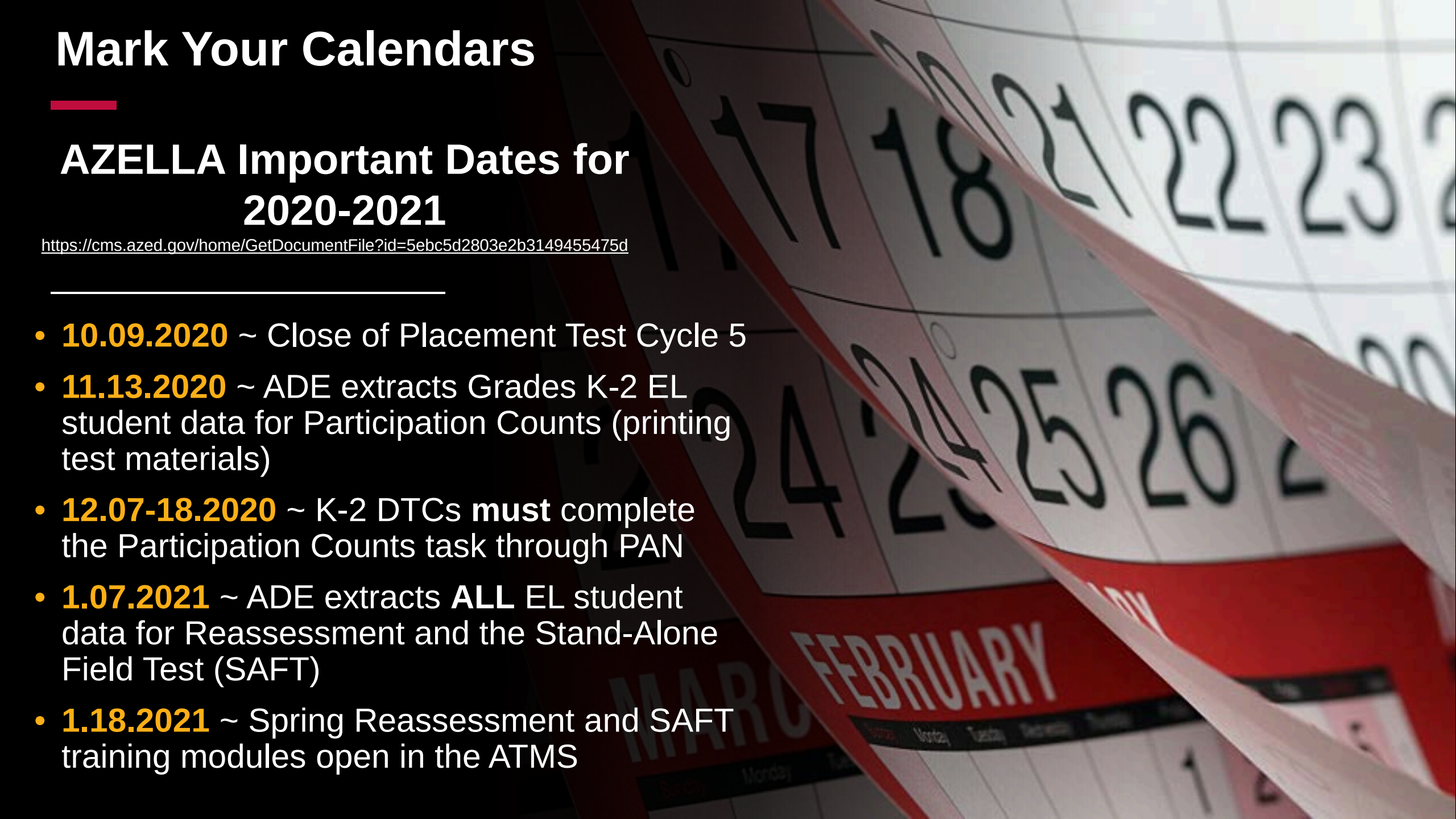
Mark Your Calendars

AZELLA Important Dates for 2020-2021

https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5ebc5d2803e2b3149455475d

- **10.09.2020** ~ Close of Placement Test Cycle 5
- **11.13.2020** ~ ADE extracts Grades K-2 EL student data for Participation Counts (printing test materials)
- **12.07-18.2020** ~ K-2 DTCs **must** complete the Participation Counts task through PAN
- **1.07.2021** ~ ADE extracts **ALL** EL student data for Reassessment and the Stand-Alone Field Test (SAFT)
- **1.18.2021** ~ Spring Reassessment and SAFT training modules open in the ATMS



Don’t wait until the end of the testing window to start testing!
Be ready to start testing on **February 1**

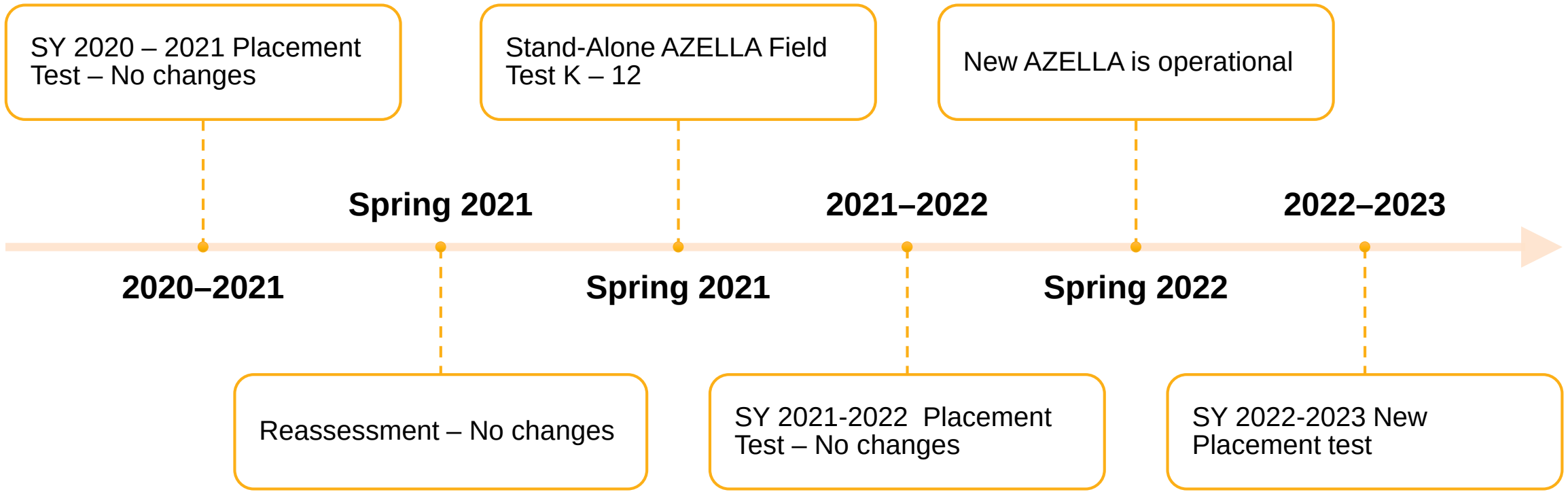
Start planning for January, February, March, and early April

- Training
- Student Registrations
- Annual Spring Reassessment Test
- Stand-Alone Field Test
- Placement Test

AZELLA Administration Timeline

- Placement
- Reassessment
- Stand-Alone Field Test
- New AZELLA aligned to 2019 ELPS

AZELLA aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards Timeline



Spring 2021 AZELLA **Reassessment**

Test Window:

February 1 – March 19, 2021

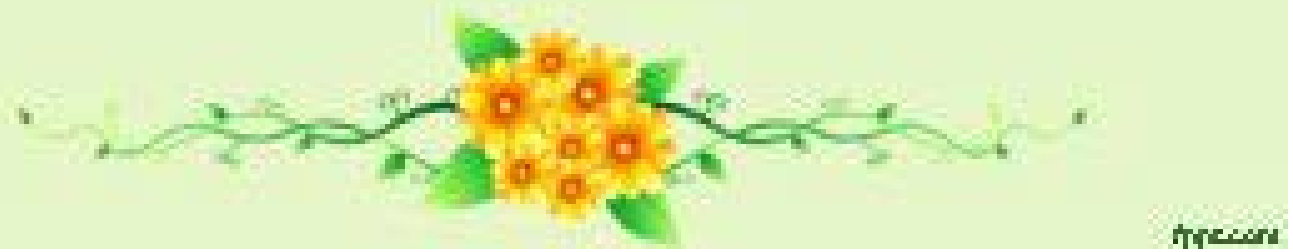
Start testing as early in the window as possible!

Please don't wait.

- ✓ **Stage I (Kindergarten)** – Paper Administration with telephone Speaking test
- ✓ **Stage II (Grades 1– 2)** – Paper Administration with telephone Speaking test
- ✓ **Stage III (Grades 3 – 5)** – Online Administration
- ✓ **Stage IV (Grades 6 – 8)** – Online Administration
- ✓ **Stage V (Grades 9 – 12)** – Online Administration

Basics Steps to Create New ELP (AZELLA) Tests

1. New ELP Standards are adopted by the State School Board
2. New test design, passages, and test questions are developed to measure the 2019 ELP Standards
3. **2021 Stand-Alone Field Tests are administered to all AZ ELs**
4. Data from the Stand-Alone Field Test is analyzed and used to create the new AZELLA Tests.
5. New AZELLA Tests are implemented with the Spring 2022 Reassessment Test and then the 2022-2023 Placement Test



2019 ELP Standards Leads to New AZELLA Tests

- ✓ Concurrent with 2021 Spring Reassessment
- ✓ Aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards
- ✓ Administered to **all** English Learners of Arizona
- ✓ New Test Design
- ✓ New grade configuration
- ✓ Test forms assigned by school
- ✓ Shorter than the operational test
- ✓ Three Test Units

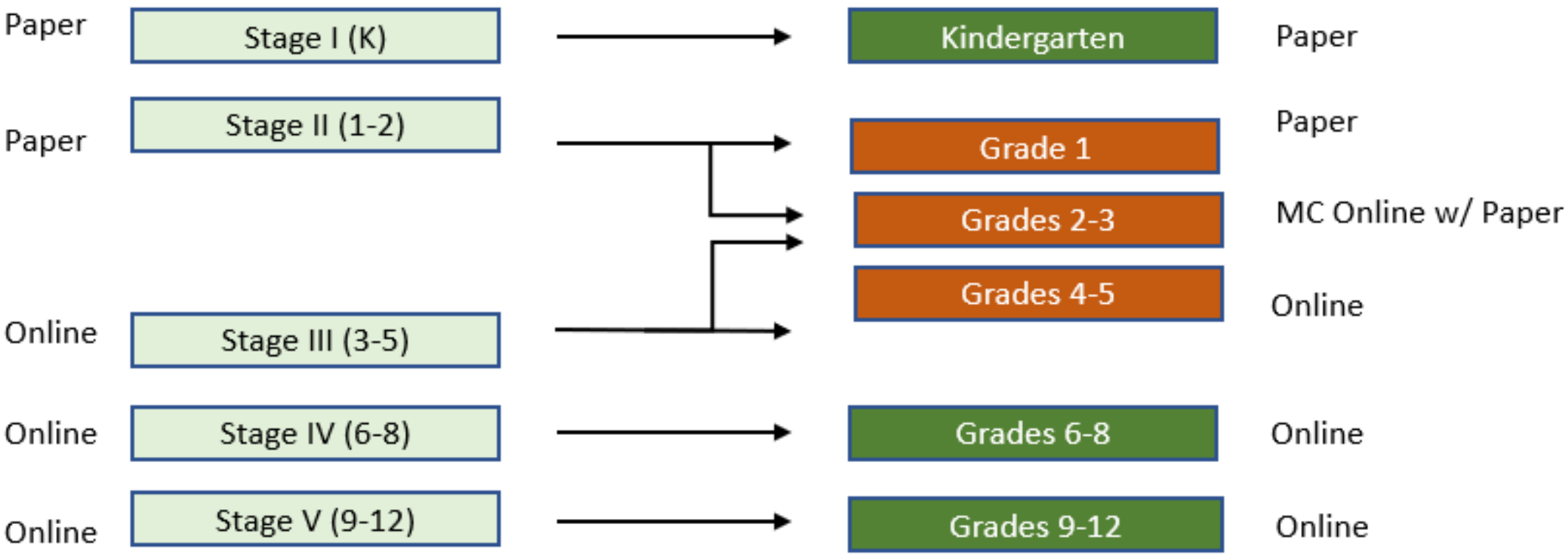
Spring 2021 AZELLA **S**tand-**A**lone **F**ield **T**est (SAFT)

Test Window:

February 1 – April 2, 2021

Informational webinar offered November 2020

Grade Configuration and Mode of Administration



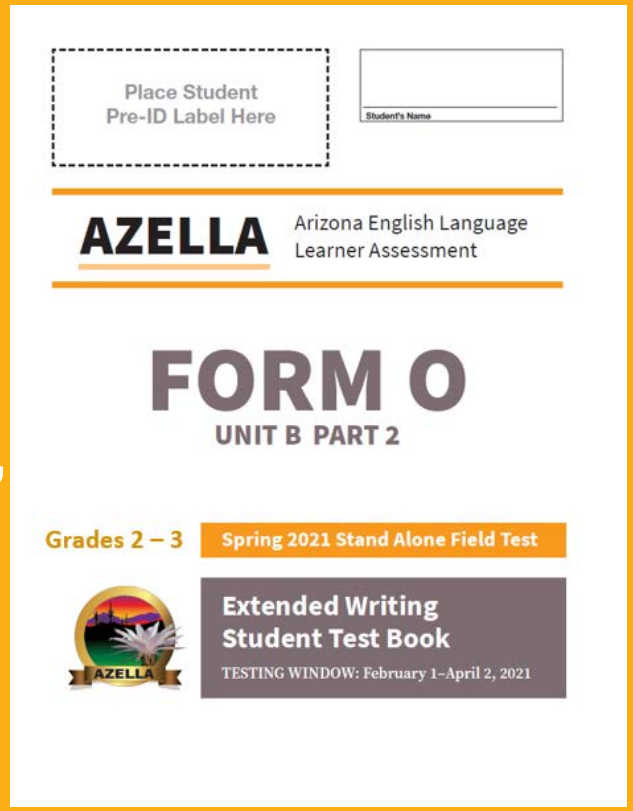
Grades 2 – 3 Administration

Unit A – Group Online Administration Multiple-Choice

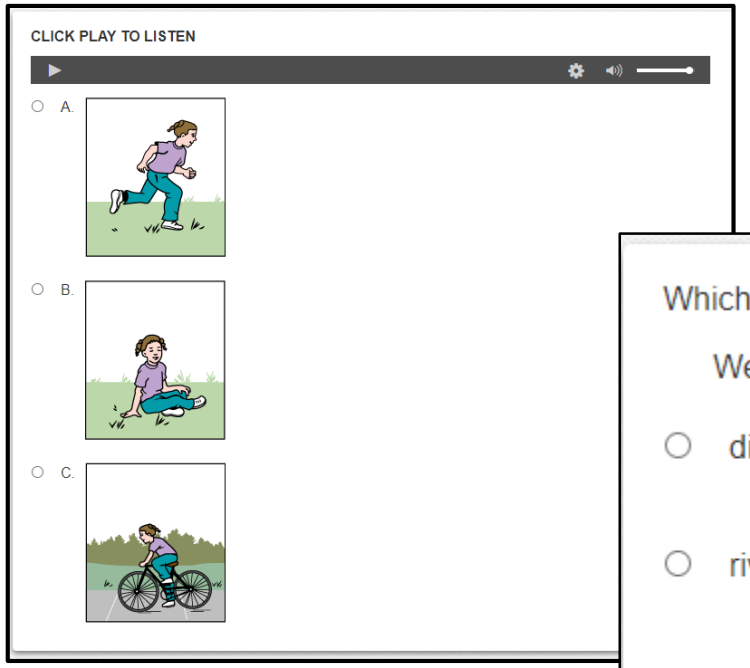
Unit B – Group Administration

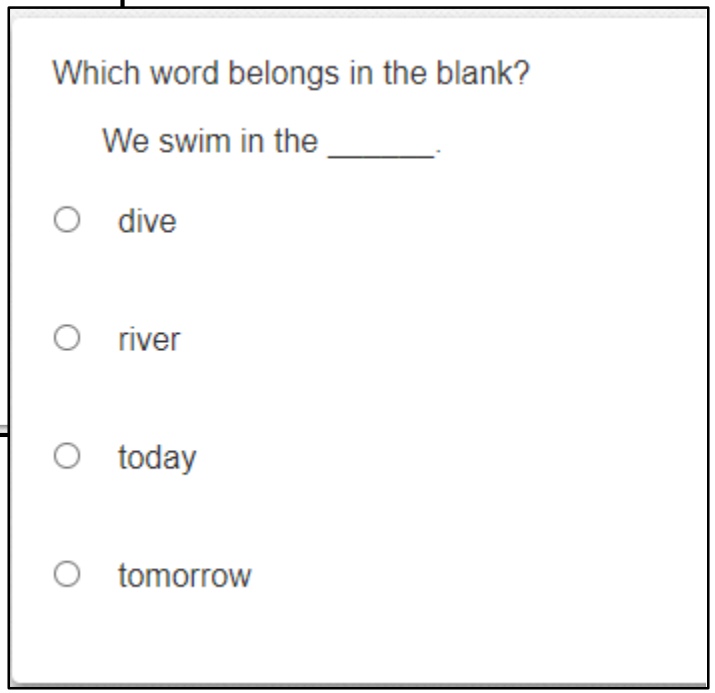
- Part 1 -Online Multiple-Choice
- Part 2 –Paper ER Writing (scorable answer document, returned to Pearson for scanning and scoring)

Unit C – Individual Online Administration led by Test Administrator



Grades 2 – 3 Online Multiple – Choice Practice Items in TestNav8





- Listening
- Reading
- Writing Multiple – Choice

Available the last week of November 2020

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AZELLA Educator Committees

Virtual

In-person

Starting in November 2020

- KPT field test items
- Grades K – 12 passage review
- Grades K – 12 item review

[Assessment Section Committee Application]

Questions?