



## AzSCI: Test Administration, Instruction, and Next Steps

### 10/30/20 Webinar Chat Questions

1. Which grade levels will participate in AzSCI?  
*Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will participate in AzSCI.*
2. Will the test format be online or paper/pencil?  
*AzSCI is an online test. Paper may be requested for AzSCI when the Testing Mode Application is open each fall. However, for AzSCI to be administered as a paper test, every student response must be key entered into the TestNav online testing platform by a Test Administrator once the students have completed testing and before the end of the AzSCI testing window.*
3. Starting in 2021-2022, will 11<sup>th</sup> graders take both ACT and AzSCI?  
*Yes, beginning in 2021-2022, 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ACT, which will be the statewide high school assessment and does include a Science component, and AzSCI, which is aligned to Arizona's Science Standards.*
4. Will districts receive data for the field tests, including student test scores?  
*No, districts will not receive any data for field tests, including student test scores.*
5. On slide 9, what are the page numbers referring to?  
*The page numbers refer to the research documents used to write the Standards – a [Framework for K-12 Science and The Big Ideas of Science](#) (see the asterisks in this document which refer to the research document).  
Please also visit the [K-12 Science Standards website](#) and these additional documents: [Science Standards summary documents](#) and [What to Look for in a 3-Dimensional Science Classroom](#) - Guidance for Administrators.*
6. With AIMS Science in high school, students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade Biology were allowed to take the AIMS Science test. With AzSCI, will there be a course level that would allow students to be able to test before their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year?  
*No, all students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will take the AzSCI assessment, regardless of course enrollment.*
7. Will the AzSCI Field Test be part of the letter grade calculation? Will it be part of the bonus points?  
*The State Board of Education has determined that for the AzSCI Field Test, Participation will be a part of bonus points.*

8. Will we be responsible for 95% tested with online learning?  
*At this time, yes, all schools should be making every effort to test all students. ADE is aware of the challenges and barriers school are facing, including this challenge.*
9. When will sample tests be available for students to begin practicing with tools?  
*The Sample Test is available through the AzSCI Resource Suite at <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/sci>.*
10. Will a blueprint be made available in the AzSCI Resource Suite?  
*The blueprints can be found in the AzSCI Item Specs in the AzSCI Resource Suite at <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/sci>.*
11. Is the purpose of the field test to help prepare for an operational test in a later year?  
*The purpose of the field test is to collect data on all aspects of the test. This includes information about test items, item formats, time limits, test instructions, and item behavior. The data collected from the items is used to ensure that the test is reliable and to create test forms that are adequate to assess the content. We will have fourteen different test forms at each grade band for this field test. Items that perform well among all student groups will be part of the AzSCI item bank to be used on future tests.*
12. What is the average length or number of items on each AzSCI assessment?  
*Each AzSCI Field Test assessment will have a total of 22 items. This is approximately half the number of items that will be on the operational test.*
13. How many sections will there be in the AzSCI assessment?  
*There will be two sections in the AzSCI Field Test at each grade level (5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>).*
14. What is the estimated time for how long the AzSCI Field Test will take?  
*The approximate time for each AzSCI Field Test section is 45-60 minutes each. If both test sections are administered on the same day, there must be a significant break between sections.*
15. Will AzSCI be administered through PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>?  
*PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> is the platform that Test Coordinators will use to prepare for testing. The AzSCI Field Test will be administered through the TestNav application.*
16. Will students who are learning remotely be tested?  
*Yes, all eligible students must test. At this time, the expectation is that students learning remotely will need to test at the school facilities. ADE will be providing guidance for in-person testing soon.*

17. When will enrollment data be pulled from our Student Information System and loaded into PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>? Will we still use the transfer process for new enrollments?  
*The last day to revise enrollments in ADE's AzEDS is February 17, 2021. Student data from ADE's upload of students can then be viewed in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> on February 22, 2021. Yes, the same transfer process will be used in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> for new enrollments.*
18. Can a district Science specialist apply to be on a committee?  
*District specialists and personnel can apply to be on [educator committees](#). The expertise of district employees along with classroom teachers, school administrators, and paraprofessionals is welcome. We also have [Parent/Community committees](#) for anyone with an interest to join.*
19. How do I view this recorded webinar? If I attended the live event, how do I obtain a professional development certificate?  
*The recorded webinar and the PowerPoint slides are posted on the Assessment section website at <https://www.azed.gov/assessment> under the "Friday Focus Webinars" dropdown. If you attended the live webinar, you can access your certificate through your account in the Event Management System, where you registered for this event.*
20. Will there be additional webinars?  
*Yes, additional webinars have been scheduled in the Friday Focus webinar series. More information is available in the [Friday Focus webinar series flyer](#).*
21. Where can I find recordings from the past webinars?  
*Recordings, PowerPoint presentations, and FAQ documents for past Friday Focus webinar sessions are posted on our website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment>, under the "Friday Focus Webinars" dropdown.*