



**Assessment Updates: Special Education
Director Check-In
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Welcome and Overview

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2019 - 2020 Test Administration



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Test Administration Status 2019 - 2020

Test	Status	Results/Accountability
AzM2 (ELA and Mathematics)	Did not administer	None
AIMS Science	Did not administer	None
MSAA (ELA and Mathematics)	Did not administer	None
AIMS A Science	Administered	None
AZELLA Reassessment	Administered	None

Official Assessment and Accountability Waiver Documentation

ADE Waiver Request letter:

<https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5e84fcd403e2b318984cc803>

USDOE Waiver Response letter:

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/media/AZ%20Covid19%20WaiverResponse.pdf>

Where we are today

- **Arizona's Board of Education (August 21, 2020) decided to utilize authority allowed in waiver response for AIMS and AIM A Science**
- **Field tests for AzSCI and Science Alternate Assessment will have all eligible students participate. These tests will be shortened versions (of typical operational length)**
- **The current AZELLA Reassessment Test and AzM2 will be shortened as well as all embedded field test items have been removed from the 2020-2021 tests**

Where we are today (Continued)

Update: AzM2 Test window has been extended for both online and paper (See Assessment Overview 2020 and Beyond document)

Update: AZELLA Reassessment Test Window has been extended: February 1, 2021 through May 21, 2021

Update: AZELLA Stand-Alone Field Test has been postponed to Fall 2021

Update: ADE Assessment Team is developing a survey for AzM2 Test Administrators and Administrators.

- Its purpose will be to provide context for assessment results
- ADE as a data point to understand impact on educators and students during the pandemic

State and Federal Accountability

State School Letter Grades (A - F) are mandated by State Law

There are no State Waivers from State Accountability. It requires State Legislative action

***UPDATE:* ADE is in the process of submitting a waiver for Federal Accountability to postpone CSI low achievement and (a) TSI* school identification until 2021-2022; these schools are identified every three years**

Accountability Team working with State Board of Education, the ATAC, AOI-TAC, and the AATC looking into the impact of COVID on all of the variables and components of A-F

Grader Newsletter email: Achieve@azed.gov

Assessment Overview 2020 and Beyond - Updated



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Assessments Overview - 2020 and Beyond

	2020-2021 School Year	
	Required	Optional
AzM2*/^/****	<p>Computer-Based Test Window: Grade 3: April 5 – 30, 2021 (Writing must be completed by April 16) Grades 4-8 and 10 (Cohort 2023): April 5 – May 14, 2021 (Writing must be completed by April 23)</p> <p>Paper-Based Test Window: Grade 3: April 5 – 14, 2021 (Writing must be scheduled for April 5 or 6) Grades 4-8 and 10 (Cohort 2023): April 5 – 21, 2021 (Writing must be completed first)</p>	
AzSCI	<p>Census Field Test for Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2022) Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards</p> <p>Computer-Based Test Window: March 22 – April 30, 2021</p>	
ACT****		<p>Menu of Assessments Fall 2020 – Grade 12 (Cohort 2021) Test Dates: September 22, October 6, October 20, 2020 Spring 2021 – Grade 11 (Cohort 2022) Test Dates: March 2 and April 6, 2021</p>
SAT****		<p>Menu of Assessments Spring 2021 – Grade 11 (Cohort 2022) Test Dates: March 3 and March 24, 2021</p>
AZELLA Placement**/****	<p>KPT & Stages II – V Assessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards</p> <p>Test Window: Two weeks before the start of school through May 14, 2021</p>	
AZELLA Reassessment**/****	<p>Stages I – V Reassessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards</p> <p>Test Window: February 1 – May 21, 2021</p> <p>Stand-Alone Field Test - New Design aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards and New Grade Configuration K, 1st, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12</p> <p>Test Window: February 1 – April 2, 2021 POSTPONED TO FALL 2021</p>	
MSAA ELA and Mathematics*/^^	<p>Grades 3-8 and 11</p> <p>Test Window: March 15 – April 30, 2021</p>	
Science Alternate Assessment (SAA)	<p>Census Field Test for Grades 5, 8, and 11 Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards</p> <p>Test Window: March 15 – April 30, 2021</p>	
NAEP	The 2021 NAEP Assessment has been postponed.	

*Used in Federal Accountability – Participation (95% Tested) and Proficiency

^^Used in Federal Accountability – Growth (K-8)

**Used in Federal Accountability – Proficiency/Growth

****Used in State Accountability – Participation/Proficiency/Growth

^^Used in State Accountability – Participation and Proficiency

****Used in State Accountability – CCR1 or other

Computer-Based Test Window:

Grade 3: April 5 – 30, 2021

(Writing must be completed by April 16)

Grades 4-8 and 10 (Cohort 2023): April 5 – May 14, 2021

(Writing must be completed by April 23)

Paper-Based Test Window:

Grade 3: April 5 – 14, 2021

(Writing must be scheduled for April 5 or 6)

Grades 4-8 and 10 (Cohort 2023): April 5 – 21, 2021

(Writing must be completed first)

https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2020/09/Assessments%20Overview%20-%202020%20and%20Beyond_final.pdf

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	2021-2022 School Year and Beyond (Test Windows To Be Determined)	
	Required	Optional
Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)*/^/****	Grades 3-8	
ACT*/^^	Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)	
AzSci****	Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2023) Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards	
Grade 9 Assessment (ACT Aspire)	Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)	
SAT*/^^		Menu of Assessments Grade 11 (Cohort 2023) SAT may be selected from the Menu of Assessments in lieu of ACT
Grade 9 Assessment (PSAT)		Menu of Assessments Grade 9 (Cohort 2025) PSAT may be selected from the Menu of Assessments in lieu of ACT Aspire
AZELLA Placement**/****	KPT & Stages II – V Assessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards	
AZELLA Reassessment**/****	Stand-Alone Field Test – Fall 2021 New Design aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards and New Grade Configuration K, 1 st , 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 (Postponed from Spring 2021) Reassessment – Spring 2022 Stages I – V Reassessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards	
MSAA ELA and Mathematics*/^^	Grades 3-8 and 11	
Science Alternate Assessment (SAA)*****	Grades 5, 8, and 11 Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards	
NAEP	Selected School Sample Digital Only; Reading and Math Grades 4 and 8	

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NOTE: The asterisk distinctions are subject to change based on State Board determinations regarding the State Accountability System

- The State Board has not made final determinations for the State accountability system regarding COVID-19 impacts.

Menu of Assessments

ACT

Test windows:

March 2nd and April 6th

About 53,000 students
registered to test

Deadline to submit
accommodations was January
8th for Test Window 1

Over 3,300 approved
accommodations

SAT

Test windows:

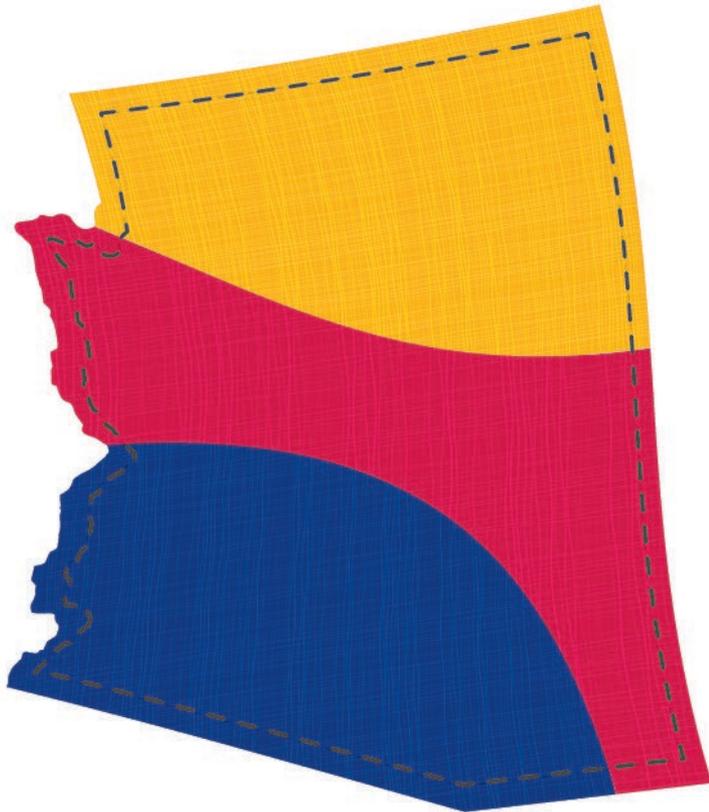
March 3rd and March 24th

Deadline to submit
accommodations - January
12th

Note: 21,000 Students were
administered ACT in our High Schools
in October

New Statewide ELA and Mathematics Assessments Grades 3 - 8 and HS

Grades 3 - 8 Assessment



**Arizona's Academic Standards
Assessment**

High School Assessment



ACT and ACT Aspire (Grade 9)

Questions



