

Education Leaders Call



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Welcome

Key Points from Today's Press Conference



Agenda for Today

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- **State and Federal**
- **Accountability & Assessment Updates**



State Accountability

House Bill 2402 passed and has been signed by Governor Ducey

- ❖ The department of education may not assign schools or school districts letter grade classifications for school year 2020-2021**
- ❖ The department of education shall continue to collect and publish data in school year 2020-2021 concerning the academic and educational performance**
- ❖ The department of education shall develop; criteria to identify schools and school districts for school year 2020-2021 that demonstrate a below average level of performance (criteria to be approve by The State Board)**



Executive Order 2021-03

Governor Ducey's executive order:

- ❖ House bill 2402 ensures that students continue to be evaluated and acknowledges AZM2 Assessment data to be a critically valuable tool to gauge the educational attainment of Arizona students
- ❖ Orders the State Board of Education to utilize AZM2 assessment data for this school year to draw comparisons to prior years to identify the extent of learning loss that has occurred.
- ❖ Requires the State Board to produce a report on their findings no later than November 1, 2021



Federal Accountability

Guidance from USED published February 22, 2021

- ❖ Ability to seek waivers from federal requirements for accountability and school identification requirements *(ADE has already submitted this request Jan. 22,2020)*
- ❖ States would not be required to implement and report the results of its accountability system, including progress towards long term goals and measures of interim progress, or to annually meaningfully differentiate among public schools using data from 2020-2021 school year
- ❖ This flexibility would explicitly include waiving the requirement that the Academic Achievement indicator be adjusted to account for a participation rate below 95 percent.
- ❖ The state would also not be required to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), targeted support and improvement (TSI), and additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI) based on data from the 2020-2021 school year.



Federal Guidance - Assessments

The guidance specifically states, “we are not inviting blanket waivers of assessments”

Encourages states to consider:

Administering a shortened version of its statewide assessments

ADE assessments has removed all embedded field test items for this administration to lessen the time for administration
Waiver to administer AZSci field test this spring to meet science requirement

Offering remote administration, where feasible

ADE will not be able to move forward with remote proctoring for any of the statewide assessments. There were many considerations taken when making this determination including: test security, validity of results, additional training to proctor, equity (internet connectivity), and access (to accommodations).

Extending the testing window

ADE assessments has extended test window for AZM2 by two weeks – this will still allow us to meet statutory reporting requirements

Extending the test window for English language proficiency assessments

ADE assessments has extended the test window for its ELP assessment, AZELLA, until May 21, 2021



ASU Virtual Teacher Institute

Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute

ASU Prep Digital has created the *Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute* to help Arizona teachers thrive in the new reality where online instruction is a part of every school plan.

This training is provided at no cost to schools or teachers through the generous investment of the Arizona Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Helios Education Foundation and Arizona State University.

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Meeting Materials

COVID-19 Weekly Education Leaders Call

Each week, the Arizona Department of Education hosts a call for Arizona Education Leaders to share information related to COVID-19. The materials and agendas for these calls can be found below.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

- [Agenda](#)

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

- [Agenda](#)
- [Ed Leaders Call PPT](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Safety & Efficacy](#)
- [Vaccine Side Effect Policy](#)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

- [Ed Leaders Call PowerPoint](#)
- [October 1 Enrollment Data](#)
- [COVID-19 School & Community Resource Library](#)

