



**Assessments Friday Focus Webinar Series**  
**Webinar #3:**  
**Statewide High School Assessments**

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# Welcome to Webinar #3 Statewide High School Assessments

***This webinar will be recorded and posted on the ADE Assessments webpage.***

***Please enter your First and Last Name in the Chat for tracking purposes for the live event.***

***We will also be capturing the chat questions. If there are questions that were frequently asked or need further clarification, ADE will compile and create an FAQ which will be posted on the Assessment Webpage.***

# Welcome and Overview

- **Transition to new Statewide High School Assessments (ACT Aspire and ACT)**
- **What to expect**
  - Testing Platform – PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> / TestNav
  - Schedule of Events – coming in October
  - ACT-hosted [Arizona Specific Webpage](#)
  - ACT [Accommodations and Policies](#)
  - Accountability\*
- **Where to find the latest and greatest information**
  - ADE's [Achievement DTC webpage](#)
  - ADE's [Educator Resources webpage](#)
- **AzSCI**
  - Aligned to Arizona 2019 Science Standards

# **Transition to New High School Assessments**

**Arizona's State Board of Education 5 Year Assessment Plan included transitioning to a College Entrance Exam and the addition of an assessment at Grade 9 or 10**

**At the August 21, 2020 State Board meeting, it was decided that the additional high school assessment would be in Grade 9**

# 5-Year Assessment Plan

## Long Term: The “Vision” Year and Beyond

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2021-2022	
Elementary Statewide Assessment	New Single Statewide Assessment
High School Statewide Assessment	Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
High School Option “Menu” <i>Dependent on factors listed in subsequent slide</i>	<u>OR</u> LEAs may administer the below instead of the statewide assessment (dependent on factors listed in subsequent slide)  Different Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade



# Who Tests – ACT and ACT Aspire

- **All districts and charters participate**
- **ACT**
  - All Cohort 2023 students (typically Grade 11)
- **ACT Aspire**
  - All Cohort 2025 students (typically Grade 9)
- **Note: All students including students that have taken an ACT prior or have communicated their preference to not attend a post-secondary option are still required to participate in the Statewide Administration.**

# Test Windows ACT Aspire and ACT

## ACT Aspire

### ONLINE:

April 4, 2022 - April 29, 2022

### PAPER:

April 4, 2022 - April 13, 2022\*

Note: Can do one content section a day. The sections are timed and must be completed within that time limit. The entire assessment does not need to be completed in one sitting or one day.

## ACT

### PAPER Window 1:

March 1, 2022

### ONLINE Window 1:

March 1-3 & March 8-10, 2022

OR

### PAPER Window 2:

April 5, 2022

### ONLINE Window 2:

April 5-7 & April 12-14, 2022

Late Start: ACT All tests must start by 9:00am!

# Content Areas Assessed

## ACT Aspire

### Content areas:

- ✓ ELA (Reading and Writing) *\*Has a writing Essay*
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Science

## ACT

### Content Areas:

- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Language *\*Has a writing Essay*
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Science

Resources: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/resources>

*Note: The Science section cannot be skipped and must be taken by all students in order to get a composite score*



# What to Expect – Testing Platform

**ACT Aspire and ACT can be administered on paper or online. District Test Coordinators (DTCs) must request this in the ADE Testing Mode Application**

- Open now through October 15, 2021
- **ACT – PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> (PAN) will open November 1**
  - DTCs will select Test Window 1 or Test Window 2 in PAN in November
- **Calculators – [ACT Calculator Policy](#)**
  - ACT embedded calculator is Desmos
  - ACT Aspire embedded calculator is non-branded scientific

***Tests are timed!***

# Uploading Eligible Students

- **ADE will upload all eligible students into the Testing Platform (PAN)**
  - Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)
  - Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)
- **Students will be uploaded in January**
- **Districts will need to verify all students in PAN and upload any students missed in ADE's upload**

# Where to go - ACT Aspire and ACT

## ACT-hosted website for Arizona:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html>

- Tab for ACT Aspire – coming soon

ACT AREA OF INTEREST ▾ Solutions Research News & Blog Contact 🔍 🔔 🇺🇸 ▾

Arizona The ACT

**i Important Announcement**  
No new information at this time. Check back soon!

## The ACT Test: Arizona

[Next Steps](#) | [Important Dates](#) | [Help and Contact](#)

## Test Administration Process Next Steps

Select your current phase of the test administration process to see resources related to that phase.

**1**

[Step 1](#)

**2**

[Step 2](#)

**3**

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[Step 6](#)

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[Step 7](#)

# Training

## **ACT Webinars – *Registration links coming soon!***

- **Test Administration Part 1**
  - November 3, 2021, 9:00-10:00am
- **Accommodations**
  - November 10, 2021, 9:00-10:00am
- **Test Administration Part 2**
  - February 2, 2022, 9:00am-10:00am
- **Webinars will be recorded**

## **ACT Aspire**

- **Coming soon - On-demand trainings will be available on the ACT-hosted website for Arizona after the ACT Aspire tab is added**

# Accommodations

## ACT Aspire

- **Submit to ADE**
- **ADE will review and approve requested Special Paper Version test requests**
- **Window: open now through Feb. 25**

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/spv2022>

## ACT

- **Submit to ACT via ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system**
- **For more information:**  
[Accommodation section of ACT-hosted website](#)

ACT has updated the Accommodation Policy - this update is now in effect.  
For more information: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>

# ACT Office Hours

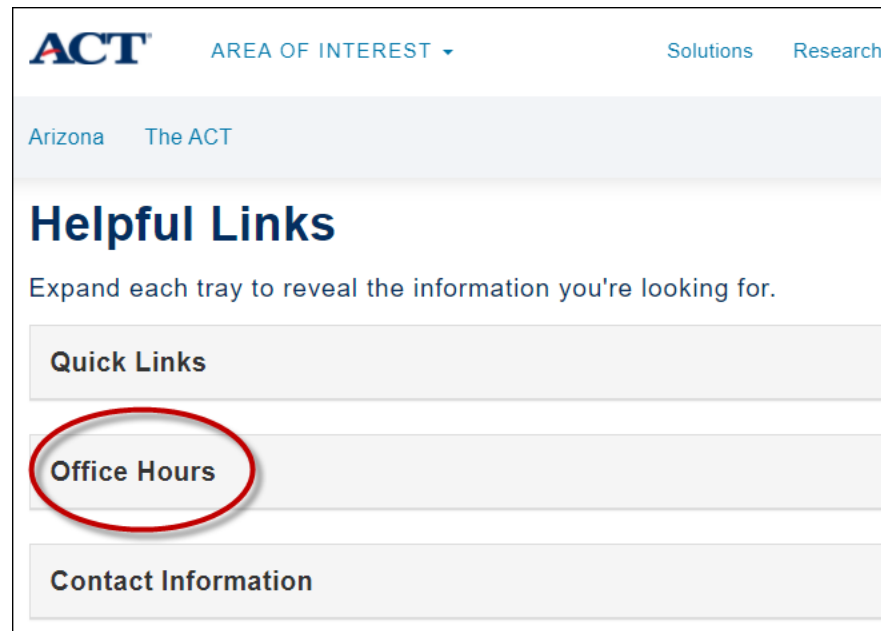
## ACT State Testing Office Hours

- Wednesdays, 2:00pm-3:00pm (Central time)
- Thursdays, 10:00am-11:00am (Central time)

## ACT Accommodations Office Hours

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm (Central time)

*Registration information is on [ACT-hosted website](#) for Arizona under dropdown for “Office Hours”.*



The screenshot shows the ACT website's navigation menu. At the top left is the ACT logo. To its right is a dropdown menu labeled "AREA OF INTEREST" with a downward arrow. Further right are the links "Solutions" and "Research". Below these is a breadcrumb trail with "Arizona" and "The ACT". The main heading is "Helpful Links". Below this heading is the instruction "Expand each tray to reveal the information you're looking for." There are three expandable trays: "Quick Links", "Office Hours", and "Contact Information". The "Office Hours" tray is circled in red.

# Additional Resources

Any new resources will be posted on ADE's [Achievement District Test Coordinator](#) webpage and on the [Educator Resources](#) webpage.

Recently Added:

- [College Entrance Exams and State Standards](#)
- [MyACT Resources](#)

- **Aligned to 2019 Arizona Science Standards**
- **3 Dimensional (Cross-cutting Concepts, Science and Engineering Practices, and Domains)**
- **Covers standards in Physical Science, Earth and Space Science, and Life Science**
- **Calculators – [ADE Calculator Guidance](#)**
  - Desmos Scientific Calculator is embedded
- **Not timed**
  - 60 items, 2 test sessions with 30 items in each session
  - Approximate time is 60-90 minutes per session



# Where to go - AzSCI

## AzSCI Webpage:

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/sci>

## AzSCI Resource Suite:

- Sample Test

AzSCI will be in same PAN platform as AASA and AZELLA – different platform than ACT and ACT Aspire



# Statewide High School Assessments Infographic

## 2021-2022 Statewide High School Assessments

### ACT Aspire

Online: April 4 – April 29  
Paper: April 4 – April 13

### Test Windows

#### ACT

Paper: March 1 or April 5  
Online: March 1-3 & March 8-10 or  
Online: April 5-7 & April 12-14

### AzSCI

March 21 – April 15

### ACT Aspire - Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)

- ✓ ADE will be working with vendor to develop resources and tools (crosswalks).
- ✓ Assessment will be available online and paper-based.
- ✓ Content areas include English, Math, Reading, and Science. There are language and editing tasks and open-ended questions included.
- ✓ ACT Aspire Grade 9 Summative Assessment will be administered and will be the Grade 9 assessment through the life of the contract.
- ✓ Accommodations / Special Paper Version test requests will be submitted to ADE for review and approval.
- ✓ ACT Aspire Tech Requirements: <https://success.act.org/s/article/https-support-assessment-pearson-com-display-TN-TestNav-System-Requirements>
- ✓ ACT Aspire Exemplars: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-aspire/about-act-aspire/exemplar-items.html>

### ACT - Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)

- ✓ ADE will be working with vendor to develop resources and tools (crosswalks).
- ✓ Assessment will be available online and paper based. Schools will select a test window and online or paper test administration in PAN in Fall 2021.
- ✓ Content areas include English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing. The Writing portion of the assessment is an essay.
- ✓ This assessment is the high school requirement for ELA and Mathematics. Students must also take AzSCI for their high school Science requirement.
- ✓ DTCs will attend Arizona-specific webinars in Fall 2021 for test administration information and accommodations information.
- ✓ LEAs must submit requests for accommodations in ACT's Test Accessibility & Accommodations (TAA) System – opens September 15. **Submit requests early!**
- ✓ ACT Tech Requirements: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/act-online-testing.html> \* **iPads are not supported at this time.**
- ✓ ACT AZ-Specific website: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html>

### AzSCI - Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)

- ✓ Spring 2022 – First operational year
- ✓ Online assessment
- ✓ Assessing standards in physical science, earth science, and life science for high school

Contact us: For ACT and ACT Aspire - [Testing@azed.gov](mailto:Testing@azed.gov) or for AzSCI - [AzSCI@azed.gov](mailto:AzSCI@azed.gov)

# Questions



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