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\textsuperscript{next} / 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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<td>New Single Statewide Assessment</td>
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<td><strong>High School Statewide Assessment</strong></td>
<td>Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9th or 10th Grade and 11th Grade</td>
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<td>Different Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9th or 10th Grade and 11th Grade</td>
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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!
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| ✓ ELA (Reading and Writing) *Has a writing Essay | ✓ Reading  
✓ Language *Has a writing Essay |
| ✓ Math | ✓ Math |
| ✓ Science | ✓ Science |

Resources: [https://www.azed.gov/assessment/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**\textsuperscript{next} (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:

- Tab for ACT Aspire – coming soon
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”.

Helpful Links
Expand each tray to reveal the information you're looking for.

Quick Links

Office Hours

Contact Information
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

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**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.

**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.

**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 or for AzSCI - AzSCI@azed.gov
For questions, please contact us at: Testing@azed.gov