



# **Assessments Updates**

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# Welcome and Overview

- **Where we are today**
- **ADE Assessment Resources**
  - Friday Focus Webinars
  - Office Hours
  - Website Resources
  - Quarterly Newsletter

# Where we are today

- **Arizona's Board of Education – 5 Year Assessment Plan**
- **Will transition to new assessments this school year**
  - AASA (Grades 3 - 8)\*New in name only, still same items (bank), scoring, etc.
  - ACT Aspire (Grade 9)
  - ACT (Grade 11)
  - AzSCI (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
  - MSAA Science (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
- **Stand-Alone Field Tests (All Students must participate)!**
  - AZELLA (Oct 11-Dec 10, 2021) (**COMPLETED**)
  - AASA Writing (January 24 - **March 4, 2022**)**EXTENDED**
- **Participating in development of Alternate ELP Assessment**
  - CAAELP
  - Utilization of CCSSO's Alternate English Language Proficiency Standards

# Supporting our DTCs

## Assessment Primary Point of Contact are District/Charter Test Coordinators

- We are communicating frequently including “just in time” reminder of tasks, clarifications to guidance and new resources
- We are receiving questions from parents about scheduling in-person testing, school safety plans for test administration, exemption to test requests
- ADE is aware of impacts of ARS 15-808(B) for online schools, this is a state law
- There are also state and federal laws that ADE administer statewide assessments

# Data Reporting

**For Field Tests- no results/data are provided. This includes AZELLA Stand-Alone Field Test, AASA Writing Stand-Alone Field Test and Oral Reading Fluency items embedded into AASA.**

**For AzSCI and ACT - ADE will be conducting a Standard Setting in June with results later than normal**

**For AASA Grades 3-8 Results will be available on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> for Grade 3 and May 25<sup>th</sup> for Grades 4-8**



# **ADE Assessment Resources**


# What is on the Horizon . . .

## Includes:

- Assessments and Requirements
- Accountability

Assessment Overview document:

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2021/07/Assessments%20Overview%20-%202021%20and%20Beyond.pdf>

 <b>Assessments</b>   Arizona Department of Education Assessment Section		
<b>Assessments Overview – 2021-2022 School Year</b>		
Achievement Assessments	Test Window	Grade Level(s) Tested
Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)*/^/***	<b>Computer-Based Test Window:</b> April 4 – 29, 2022 (Writing must be completed by April 15, 2022) <b>Paper-Based Test Window:</b> April 4 – 13, 2022 (Writing must be scheduled for April 4 or 5, 2022)	Grades 3-8
AASA Writing Stand-Alone Field Test	January 24 – February 18, 2022	Grades 3-8
ACT Aspire (See note at bottom of page)	<b>Computer-Based Test Window:</b> April 4 – 29, 2022 <b>Paper-Based Test Window:</b> April 4 – 13, 2022	Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)
ACT*/^^	Districts/charters will need to select one of the test windows below and complete all ACT testing within that window.  <b>Test Window 1:</b> <b>Standard Paper Testing:</b> March 1, 2022 <b>Accommodations Paper Testing:</b> March 1-4 & 7-11, 2022 <b>Online Testing (Standard and Accommodations):</b> March 1-3 & March 8-10, 2022  <b>Test Window 2:</b> <b>Standard Paper Testing:</b> April 5, 2022 <b>Accommodations Paper Testing:</b> April 5-8 & 11-15, 2022 <b>Online Testing (Standard and Accommodations):</b> April 5-7 & April 12-14, 2022	Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)
AzSCI****	<b>Computer-Based Test Window:</b> March 21 – April 15, 2022	Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2023)
English Language Proficiency Assessment	Test Window	Additional Information
AZELLA Placement**/***	Two weeks before the start of school (provided all pre-testing requirements have been met by the DTC and AZELLA staff) through May 13, 2022	KPT & Stages II-V Assessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards
AZELLA Fall 2021 Stand-Alone Field Test	October 11 – December 10, 2021	Postponed from Spring 2021 New Design aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards Administered to all Arizona ELs in grades: 1, 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12
AZELLA Spring 2022 Reassessment**/***	January 31 – March 18, 2022	Stages I – V Reassessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards
Alternate Assessment	Test Window	Grade Level(s) Tested
MSAA ELA and Mathematics*/^^	Mid-March through late April (Exact dates to be determined) Training window will open early March	Grades 3-8 and 11
MSAA Science****	Mid-March through late April (Exact dates to be determined) Training window will open early March	Grades 5, 8, and 11
National Assessment	Test Window	Grade Level(s) Tested
NAEP	Reading and Math January 24 – March 4, 2022	Grades 4 and 8 (Selected schools will be notified)
NAEP Long-term Trend	Reading and Math January 10 – March 18, 2022	Age 9 (Selected schools will be notified)

\*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 – CCR or other

NOTE: The asterisk distinctions are subject to change based on State Board determinations regarding the State Accountability System.  
The role of ACT Aspire has not been fully determined for state accountability at this time.

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# Statewide Achievement Assessment Infographic

## 2021-2022 Statewide Achievement Assessments

### Test Windows

#### AASA (Grades 3 – 8)

Computer-Based: April 4 – 29

\*Complete Writing by April 15

Paper-Based: April 4 – 13

\*Schedule Writing for April 4-5

#### AzSCI (Grades 5, 8, and Cohort 2023/Grade 11)

March 21 – April 15

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

Online: April 4 – April 29

Paper: April 4 – April 13

#### ACT (Cohort 2023/Grade 11)

Paper: March 1 or April 5

Online: March 1-3 & March 8-10 or

Online: April 5-7 & April 12-14

### AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment)

- ✓ ELA and Mathematics
- ✓ Calculator: Desmos
- ✓ AZ-specific items used on AzM2 will be used on AASA.
- ✓ Sample tests will be available in Fall 2021.
- ✓ Writing prompt and edit tasks will be field tested in a Stand-Alone Field Test, **January 24 – February 18, 2022**. All schools (Grades 3-8) will participate.
- ✓ Grade 3 will have new items for Oral Reading Fluency. This will be administered in small groups.

### ACT and ACT Aspire

- ✓ ADE will be working with vendor to develop resources and tools (crosswalks).
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- ✓ ACT content areas include English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing. The Writing portion of the assessment is an essay.
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- ✓ Resources will be posted on our Educator Resources webpage as they become available: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/resources>.
- ✓ LEAs do not need to sign up for these assessments – all schools will participate.
- ✓ ADE will pay the vendor directly for these assessments as for other statewide assessments. There will be no invoicing or reimbursement process needed for districts for these assessments.

### AzSCI

- ✓ Spring 2022 – First operational year
- ✓ LEAs, schools, and students will receive data
- ✓ Online assessment
- ✓ Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2023)

Contact us: [AASA@azed.gov](mailto:AASA@azed.gov) or [AzSCI@azed.gov](mailto:AzSCI@azed.gov)

### Technology requirements:

<https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/TestNav+System+Requirements>





# AASA's Infographic

## 2021-2022 Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)

### AASA – Writing Stand-Alone Field Test

January 24 – February 18, 2022

### Test Windows

### AASA – Operational Test

Computer-Based: April 4 – 29, 2022 (Complete Writing by April 15)

Paper-Based: April 4 – 13, 2022 (Schedule Writing for April 4 or 5)

### Overview

- ✓ ELA and Mathematics, Grades 3-8
- ✓ Tests will be administered online by default. The window for LEAs to sign up for paper-based testing will be in Fall 2021.
- ✓ AZ-specific items used on AzM2 will be used on AASA.
- ✓ Writing prompt and edit tasks will be field tested in a Stand-Alone Field Test, **January 24-February 18, 2022**. All schools (Grades 3-8) will participate.
- ✓ Grade 3 will have new items for Oral Reading Fluency. This will be administered in small groups.
- ✓ Sample Tests will be available in Fall 2021.

### ELA

- ✓ Assessments will contain a writing portion, editing tasks, and paired reading passages.

### Math

- ✓ Desmos Calculator - Calculator is permitted on Grades 7 and 8 Math Part 1 only.

### Accessibility

- ✓ Arizona Accommodation Manual (revisions coming soon): <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>
- ✓ Special Paper Version (SPV) tests are available in Braille, large print, and regular print paper tests
- ✓ Submit SPV test requests to ADE August 30, 2021 – February 25, 2022
- ✓ More information regarding SPV test process coming Fall 2021

### Resources

- ✓ AASA Website: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/aasa>
- ✓ Contact us: [AASA@azed.gov](mailto:AASA@azed.gov)
- ✓ Sample tests, blueprints, and additional resources coming Fall 2021

# 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)



# ACT and ACT Aspire Comparisons Infographic

## 2021-2022 Statewide High School Assessments-ACT and ACT Aspire

### Test Windows

**ACT Aspire**  
Online: April 4 – April 29  
Paper: April 4 – April 13

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

### Who Tests

**ACT Aspire**  
Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)

**ACT**  
Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)

### ACT Aspire and ACT - Similarities

- ✓ Available online and paper-based – check specific test windows
- ✓ Content areas included: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
- ✓ Test sections are timed
- ✓ Accommodated – Extended time available. See Accommodations Manual for details
- ✓ Text-to-Speech and Speech-to-Text are allowable accommodations which must be approved
- ✓ Both have Test Administration Directions, which must be followed
- ✓ Monitoring of test by Proctor or Test Administrator
- ✓ Online tests are administered in TestNav

### ACT Aspire and ACT - Differences

- ✓ Online embedded calculator: ACT – Desmos Scientific Calculator; Aspire – non-branded scientific calculator. See [ACT Calculator Policy](#) for information about allowable handheld calculators.
- ✓ Aspire test sections may be administered in any order and in one day or over multiple days. ACT (standard administration) test sections must be administered in one day in a certain order. See [Detailed Test Calendar](#) for details.
- ✓ Students complete MyACT for ACT only (not available for Aspire)
- ✓ [ACT Aspire webpage](#) and [ACT Aspire Schedule of Events](#)
- ✓ iPads are not supported or allowed for ACT testing but are supported and allowed for Aspire.
- ✓ ACT accommodations and supports requests must be submitted to ACT by January 7, 2022. Aspire accommodations and supports are to be submitted to ADE using secure form: [https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement\\_aa\\_fy22](https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement_aa_fy22) by February 25, 2022.
- ✓ ACT – hard copies of manuals will be sent; ACT Aspire – manuals are online only
- ✓ ACT has [Practice Tests](#). Aspire has [Student Sandbox](#) and [Exemplars](#).
- ✓ [ACT webpage](#) and [ACT Schedule of Events](#)

Contact ADE at [Testing@azed.gov](mailto:Testing@azed.gov)

Contact ACT at 319-337-1567 or here: [contact form](#)

Contact ACT Aspire at 855-730-0400 or here: [contact form](#)



# AzSCI Infographic

## 2021-2022 Statewide Achievement Assessments- AzSCI

### Test Windows

**AzSCI (Grades 5, 8, and Cohort 2023/Grade 11)**

March 21 – April 15

#### **AzASCI (Arizona's Science Assessment)**

- ✓ Science Content aligned to the 2019 Science Standards (Core Ideas, Science and Engineering Practices and Crosscutting Concepts)
- ✓ Calculator: Desmos
- ✓ AZ-specific items will be used on AzSCI- Will have multiple stimuli to go with a set of items.
- ✓ Will have various item types: Multiple choice/multi-select and Technology enhanced: inline, glider, fill in the blank, two-part questions and more
- ✓ Assessing standards in physical science, earth and space science, and life science
- ✓ **Sample tests will be available in Fall 2021.**

#### **Administered Online Only**

- ✓ Utilizes Pearson Access Next (PAN) and TestNav8 Platform. See Sample Tests, PAN User Guides, Quick Guides and Tutorials
- ✓ All Paper Tests (Special Paper Versions) must be entered into PAN, no student tests will be scanned or scored.
- ✓ Resources will be posted on our Educator Resources webpage as they become available: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/resources>.
- ✓ LEAs do not need to sign up for these assessments – all schools will participate.

Spring 2022 – First operational year

Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2023)

LEAs, schools, and students will receive data

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

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# AZELLA Infographic

## 2021-2022 AZELLA

### AZELLA 2021-2022 Placement

Two weeks before the start of school  
through May 13, 2022

### Test Windows

#### AZELLA Spring 2022 Reassessment

January 31 – March 18, 2022

#### AZELLA Stand-Alone Field Test

October 11 – December 10, 2021

### New AZELLA First Operational Administration Spring 2023 Reassessment

- ✓ Aligned to new ELP Standards
- ✓ New grade configuration (Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12)
- ✓ Will focus on productive, receptive, and interactive language from the ELP Standards
- ✓ Will no longer have domain-specific sections (L,R,W, and S)
- ✓ Will have units; may have thematic sets of Reading and Writing items or Listening and Speaking items in one unit
- ✓ New Sample Tests will be available in late Spring 2022

### Coming Soon – NEW Alternate ELP Assessment

- ✓ For students with significant cognitive disabilities
- ✓ CAAELP Website: <https://altelpa.org>
- ✓ Item Try-outs/Pilot – Fall 2022
- ✓ Field Test / Operational – Spring 2023

### Accessibility

- ✓ Requests for Additional Accommodations / Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval by **August 30, 2021**
- ✓ ADE's review and approval for Additional Accommodations/SPV are required before AZELLA can be administered
- ✓ Transition to Braille versions for AZELLA Stages III - V – Contact ADE
- ✓ Domain Scoring (for eligible students only) – Contact ADE

### Entrance and Exit Criteria

- ✓ Entrance: Home Language Survey (upon first AZ enrollment, beginning Kindergarten) determines eligibility for AZELLA Placement Test
- ✓ Exit: Proficiency on AZELLA – Overall Proficiency Level of Proficient (Proficient score in Reading, Writing, **and** Total Combined)

### Contact / Important Links

- ✓ AZELLA Inbox: [AZELLA@azed.gov](mailto:AZELLA@azed.gov)
- ✓ PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>: <https://az.pearsonaccessnext.com/customer/index.action>
- ✓ Sample Tests: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/AZELLA/>
- Committees Applications:
  - ✓ [Assessment Section Committee Application](#)
  - ✓ [Parent/Community Assessment Review Application](#)



# Alternate Assessment Infographic

## 2021-2022 Alternate Assessments

### Test Window

ELA, Math, and Science: March 14 – April 29, 2022

### MSAA (Multi-State Alternate Assessment)

- ✓ ELA, Mathematics, and Science
- ✓ Administered individually or one-on-one
- ✓ For students with significant cognitive disabilities
- ✓ Writing prompt
- ✓ Student Selector Application to register students for MSAA: October 1 - November 30, 2021
- ✓ Monitoring for the 1% Threshold (if over 1% participation in Alternate Assessment) begins October 1
- ✓ Training for test administrators and test coordinators starts February 28

### Resources

- ✓ Reporting Portal for Spring 2021 administration open through September 24: [www.msaaassessment.org](http://www.msaaassessment.org)
- ✓ Eligibility criteria – updated July 2021. This form must be used for all current IEPs
- ✓ Administration information: [www.msaaassessment.org](http://www.msaaassessment.org) (will open February 28)
- ✓ Instructional supports are available on the [ADE Alternate Assessment website](#) and [Project TIES website](#)
- ✓ [Alternate Assessment Test Coordinator Handbook](#) – provides activities, dates, and instructions
- ✓ [MSAA sample items, best practice videos, and writing prompt rubrics](#)

### CAAELP (Collaborative of Alternate Assessment for English Language Proficiency)

- ✓ Website: <https://altelpa.org>
- ✓ Operational test: Spring 2023
- ✓ State Community of Practice
- ✓ Item Try-outs / Pilot – Fall 2022
- ✓ Field Test / Operational – Spring 2023

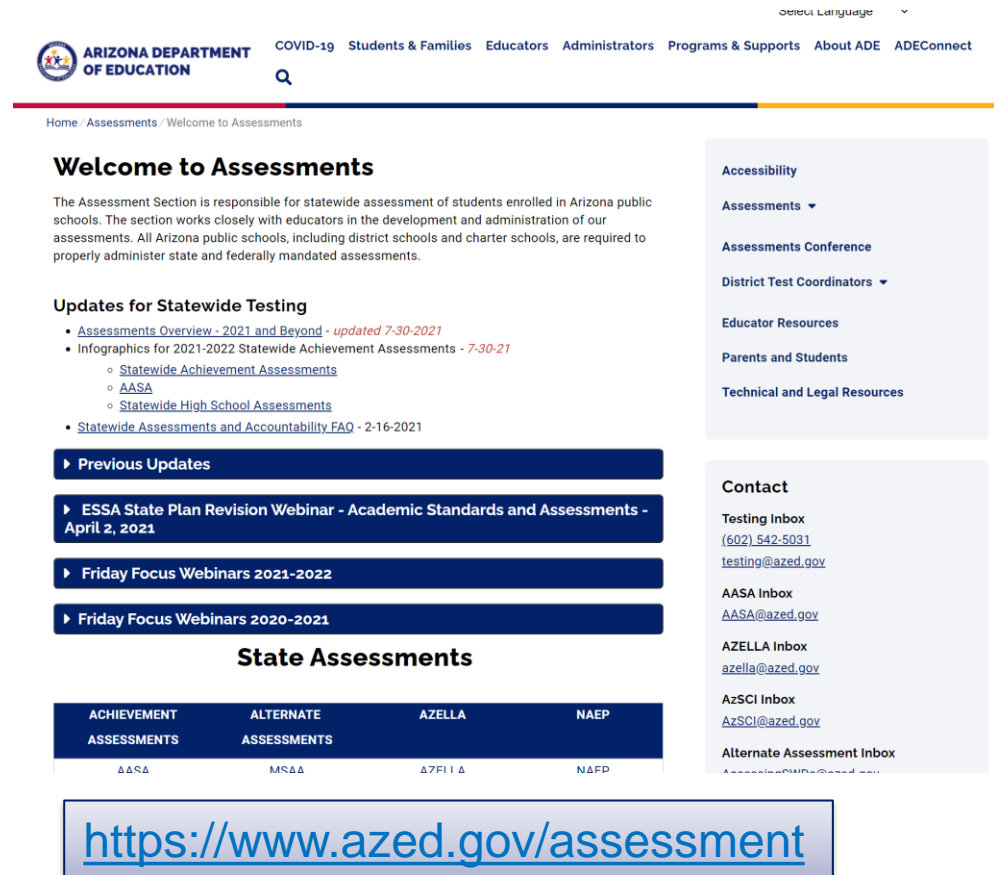
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# Assessment Webinar Series - Posted

All Assessment Webinars  
will be posted on the ADE  
Website - Assessment  
Page:

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Recording



The screenshot shows the Arizona Department of Education's Assessment page. The header includes the ADE logo, navigation links for COVID-19, Students & Families, Educators, Administrators, Programs & Supports, About ADE, and ADEConnect. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to Assessments' and provides information about the Assessment Section's role. It lists updates for statewide testing, including links to assessment overviews, infographics, and specific assessment types like AASA and Statewide High School Assessments. A sidebar on the right contains links for Accessibility, Assessments Conference, District Test Coordinators, Educator Resources, Parents and Students, and Technical and Legal Resources. A contact section at the bottom right lists various inboxes and their email addresses. A red arrow points from the 'Recording' bullet point to the URL box at the bottom.

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## Welcome to Assessments

The Assessment Section is responsible for statewide assessment of students enrolled in Arizona public schools. The section works closely with educators in the development and administration of our assessments. All Arizona public schools, including district schools and charter schools, are required to properly administer state and federally mandated assessments.

### Updates for Statewide Testing

- Assessments Overview - 2021 and Beyond - updated 7-30-2021
- Infographics for 2021-2022 Statewide Achievement Assessments - 7-30-21
  - Statewide Achievement Assessments
  - AASA
  - Statewide High School Assessments
- Statewide Assessments and Accountability FAQ - 2-16-2021

**Previous Updates**

- ESSA State Plan Revision Webinar - Academic Standards and Assessments - April 2, 2021
- Friday Focus Webinars 2021-2022
- Friday Focus Webinars 2020-2021

### State Assessments

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS	ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS	AZELLA	NAEP
AASA	MSAA	AZELLA	NAEP

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# Assessment's Quarterly Newsletter for DTCs: The Examiner

## The Examiner



An ADE Newsletter for Test Coordinators  
August 2021 Edition



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Here's to a new school year! We are looking forward to working with you to ensure a successful test administration season! On that note, we have created a few infographics to highlight key points of the new statewide achievement assessments. Links to these infographics can be found on the Assessment home page: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment>, and a screenshot of one of the infographics is included below. We have many more resources coming soon!

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# Questions



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