AZELLA's New Sample Tests FAQs

Assessments

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The following list responds to the most frequently asked questions we received during the New AZELLA Sample Tests Webinar.

New AZELLA Sample Test Materials

Where can I find the materials for the new AZELLA Sample Tests, including the Teacher's Edition?
Will the Sample Test kits be sent automatically to districts, or will we have to order them?

➢ The digital kits of the new AZELLA Sample Tests are currently available inside of PearsonAccess[next]. The AZELLA DTCs and STCs are responsible for downloading and distributing these materials to teachers and Test Administrators. Districts and schools are also responsible for printing Student Test Books or the Teacher's Editions as appropriate and needed.

➢ The new online Sample Tests for grades 2 – 3, 4 – 5, 6 – 8, and 9 – 12 are available in TestNav. A username and password are not required to access the tests.

➢ The Teacher's Editions for the new Sample Tests will be available for downloading as PDF files in the Resources > Documentation tab in PearsonAccess[next]. Our vendor is anticipating mid- to end September for the completion of these materials.

New AZELLA Sample Test for Grades 2-12 Online Navigation Tips

If the online AZELLA Sample Tests are not saved in TestNav, who is responsible for scoring them?

➢ Student responses for the online Sample Tests are not saved or scored in TestNav. Teachers and Test Administrators may want to go over student responses before test units/test sections are submitted. The key to the multiple-choice questions is provided in the Teacher's Edition. For the extended Writing and Speaking questions, the scoring rubrics are provided as well.

Can students go back and listen to a passage, question, or speaking prompt unlimited times?

➢ So that students can have the closest experience possible to the actual test, they can only listen to the recording of Listening and Speaking questions one time. However, students can sign out and go back to the test as many times as they want.

New AZELLA Sample Test and Recommended Use for Students who Require AZELLA Placement Testing

Will there be any access to the old sample tests for newly arriving students who are taking placement this year?

➢ The Stage-based sample tests have been permanently removed from TestNav and replaced with the new Sample Tests. However, the functionality of TestNav is the same, and the test design and item types have not changed that much. <u>For the Placement test practice, the focus should be on the navigation of the test and becoming familiar with the Listening and Speaking items. Please use the new Sample Tests for your practice.</u>

For reference, listed below are the equivalencies between the new and the "old" Sample Tests:

- Unit 1 = Listening
- Unit 2 = Reading and Writing Part 1
- Units 3 and 4 = Reading and Writing Part 2
- Unit 5 = Speaking

Stage-to-grade-band equivalency for practice with the Sample Tests:

- For Stage III students, please use the Grades 4 – 5 Sample Test
- For Stage IV students, please use the Grades 6 – 8 Sample Test
- For Stage V students, please use the Grades 9 – 12 Sample Test

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