

FRIDAY FOCUS: THINGS TO KNOW AS A NEW DTC

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FRIDAY FOCUS WEBINAR #3



THINGS TO KNOW AS A NEW DISTRICT TEST
COORDINATOR

FRIDAY FOCUS: THINGS TO KNOW AS A NEW DTC

The purpose of this webinar is to guide new District Test Coordinators on topics related to State Testing.

Throughout this webinar we will provide you with valuable resources and helpful links for testing related materials.

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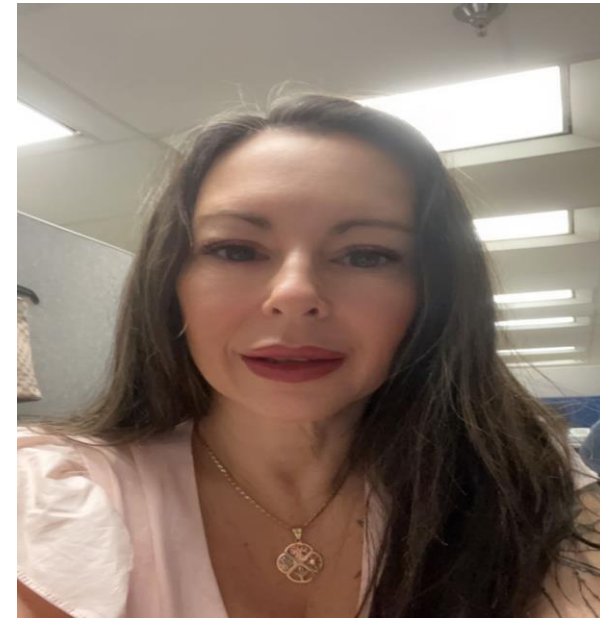
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Welcome to Assessments

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.

Calendars for Statewide Testing

- [Assessments Overview 2022-2023](#) - 7-11-2022
- [Detailed Testing Calendar 2022-2023](#) - 7-21-2022

2022-2023 Statewide Assessments Infographics

- [AZELLA 2022-2023](#) - 8-15-2022
- [Alternate Assessments 2022-2023](#) - 8-16-2022
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 - [AASA](#) - 8-15-2022
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| ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS | ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS | AZELLA | NAEP |
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| AASA | MSAA | AZELLA | NAEP |
| AzSCI | | EL/Special Ed Taskforce | International |
| ACT/ACT Aspire | | Alt ELPA | |

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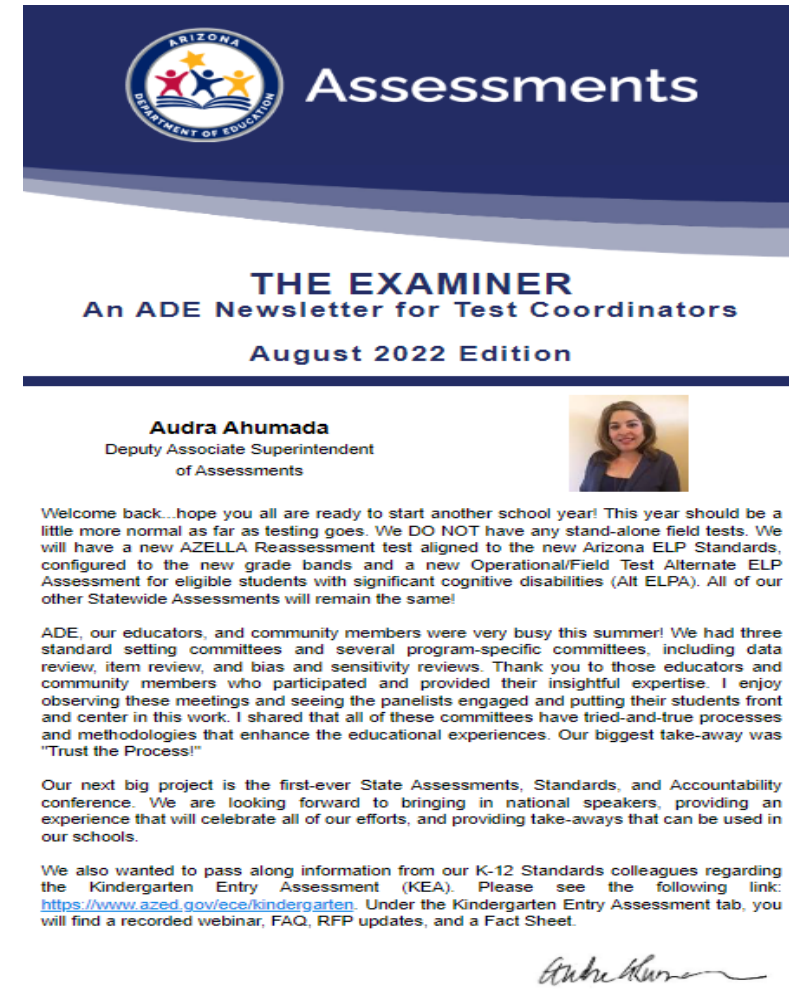
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The Examiner

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

The Examiner newsletter is sent to DTCs quarterly on the 1st of August, November, February and May. This newsletter provides essential information for DTCs regarding all state testing related topics.



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GETTING STARTED: IMPORTANT FIRST STEP

The first step you must take as a DTC is to fill out the DTC Test Security Agreement and return the signed agreement to: testing@azed.gov

2022-2023 Assessment Test Coordinator and Security Agreement

If there is a change to the DTC at your district, a new agreement must be signed and submitted as directed above.

Please note that this agreement must be signed by Superintendent/Charter Representative

2003 and updated December 2007, shall be followed.

6. All instructions in the Coordinator Manuals and Administration Directions for each State Assessment, which include reading the directions to students exactly as scripted, shall be followed.

By signing my name to this document, I am assuring the Arizona Department of Education that I will abide by the above conditions and that anyone I supervise, who will have access to the State Assessment Tests for School Year 2022-2023, will also abide by the above conditions, and I certify that the individuals named below are authorized to act on my behalf as district test coordinator for each of the State Assessments. If any of the individuals designated below are unable to complete any activities, including participating in a pre-test training, I will attend and complete in his/her place.

Name of Superintendent or Charter Representative: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Superintendent/Charter Representative's Signature: _____

Enter the information in the form electronically, print, each person needs to sign the form, scan it, and send it to Testing@azed.gov.

Achievement Testing District Test Coordinator – This person will be responsible for AASA, A-SCI, ACT, and ACT Aspire.

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Cell Phone # (optional): Click or tap here to enter text.

Work Phone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Extension (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____ Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinator – This person will be responsible for the MSAA and Alt ELPA.

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Cell Phone # (optional): Click or tap here to enter text.

Work Phone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Extension (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____ Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

AZELLA District Test Coordinator – This person will be responsible for the AZELLA Placement Test and AZELLA Reassessment Test administrations.

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Cell Phone # (optional): Click or tap here to enter text.

Work Phone #: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Email this form back to the Testing Inbox testing@azed.gov.

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2022-2023 Detailed Testing Calendar



Assessments

Detailed Testing Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) Statewide Assessment for ELA and Math Grades 3-8

| Content Area(s) | Test Window | Grade Levels Tested |
|--|--|---------------------|
| ELA and Math Computer-Based Test Window <i>*Including student response entry in TestNav for Special Paper Version tests</i> | April 3 - April 28, 2023 (Writing must be completed by April 14, 2023) | Grades 3-8 |
| ELA and Math Paper-Based Test Window <i>*Including student response entry in TestNav for Special Paper Version tests</i> | April 3 - April 12, 2023 (Writing must be scheduled for April 3 or 4, 2023) | Grades 3-8 |

*Special Paper Version test accommodations include braille, large print, and regular print paper tests for students whose IEP or 504 plan indicate a need for these accommodations. Requests for Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval.

AASA – Approximate Times

| Testing Days | Content Areas | Approximate Times |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| ELA – 2 or 3 days of testing | ELA – Writing ELA – Reading, Part 1 ELA – Reading, Part 2 Oral Reading Fluency (Grade 3 only) | 60-90 minutes 45-75 minutes 45-75 minutes 15 minutes |
| Math – 1 or 2 days of testing | Math, Part 1 Math, Part 2 | 60-85 minutes 60-85 minutes |

- ELA includes one writing and two reading test units. For Grade 3, an Oral Reading Fluency unit is also included. All ELA test units must be administered to receive an ELA score.
- Math includes two test units. Both Math test units must be administered to receive a Math score.
- Writing must be administered on a separate test day than Reading and Math.
- Reading and Math can be administered in any order, but no more than two test units plus the Oral Reading Fluency unit can be administered on a single day.
- When two test units are administered in a single day, a significant break must be given between test units. Test units must be completed on the day the unit is begun. **Do not start the test unit unless there is sufficient time to complete the testing session.**
- Once a test unit is begun, students may not take a break for lunch. During the test unit, students may only leave the room for a restroom break, visit to the nurse's office, or for emergency purposes.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS (cont.)

ACT Content Sections and Timing:

The ACT is a timed test. ACT test sections must be administered in one day. The content sections must be administered in the following order: **Test 1** – English (first), **Test 2** – Mathematics (second), **Test 3** – Reading (third), **Test 4** – Science (fourth), and **Test 5** – Writing (last). The ACT Writing test is always administered last. If this order is altered, tests will not be scored.

Note: Unless an accommodation for extended time has been approved by ACT:

| ACT Timing: | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Authorized Timing | Time Allowed Test 1 | Time Allowed Test 2 | Time Allowed Test 3 | Time Allowed Test 4 | Time Allowed Writing |
| Standard time, single day | 45 minutes | 60 minutes | 35 minutes | 35 minutes | 40 minutes |

*Requests for ACT accommodations must be submitted to ACT for review and approval through ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system according to dates published in the Spring 2023 ACT Schedule of Events.

AzSCI – Statewide Assessment for Science

| Content Area(s) | Test Window | Grade Levels Tested | Approximate Times |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|
| Science Computer-Based Test Window <i>*Including TestNav entry for Special Paper Version tests</i> | March 20 – April 14, 2023 | Grades 5, 8, and Cohort 2024 (11% grade) | Three test units 60-90 minutes each unit |

- *Special Paper Version test accommodations include braille, large print, and regular print paper tests for students whose IEP or 504 plan indicate a need for these accommodations. Requests for Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval.
- AzSCI includes three test units. The approximate time for each test unit is about 60-90 minutes.
- Please note the overall AzSCI test is the same length as last year; however, based on challenges and feedback received, the AzSCI test has been split into three test units instead of two.
- When two or more test units are administered in a single day, a significant break must be given between test units. Test units must be completed on the day the unit is begun. **Do not start the test unit unless there is sufficient time to complete the testing session.**
- Once a test unit is begun, students may not take a break for lunch. During the test unit, students may only leave the room for a restroom break, visit to the nurse's office, or for emergency purposes.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

AZELLA

| School Year 2022-2023 Placement Test Window | Spring 2023 Reassessment Test Window |
|---|---|
| Two weeks before the start of school (provided all pre-testing requirements have been met by the DTC and AZELLA staff) through May 12, 2023 | January 30 – March 17, 2023 |

Alt ELPA Operational/Field Test

| Grade Levels Tested | Test Window |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eligible students in Grades K-12 | February 1 – March 17, 2023 |

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

MSAA (Multi-State Alternate Assessment)

| Content Area(s) | Test Window | Grade Levels Tested |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ELA, Math, and Science | March 13 – April 28, 2023 | Eligible students in Grades 3-8 and 11 |

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT


NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

| Content Area(s) | Testing Window | Grade Levels Tested |
|--|--------------------------------|---|
| NAEP Long-Term Trend | October 10 – December 16, 2022 | Age 13 (Selected schools will be notified) |
| Additional international assessments in Spring 2023 – LEAs will be notified. | | |

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2022-2023 Test Windows

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2022/05/Assessments%20Overview%202022-2023.pdf>


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2022-2023 Test Windows

Achievement Assessments

| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| AASA (ELA and Math) **/****/***** | Grades 3-8 | Computer-Based Testing: April 3-April 28, 2023 (Writing must be completed by April 14, 2023) | Paper-Based Testing: April 3-April 12, 2023 (Writing must be scheduled for April 3 or 4, 2023) |
| AzSCI (Science) **** | Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2024) | Computer-Based Testing: March 20-April 14, 2023 | |
| ACT Aspire **** | Grade 9 (Cohort 2026) | Computer-Based Testing: April 3-April 28, 2023 | Paper-Based Testing: April 3-April 12, 2023 |
| ACT (with Writing) **/****/***** | Grade 11 (Cohort 2024) | Test Window 1: Paper (Standard): March 21, 2023 Paper (Accommodations): March 21-24 & March 27-31 Online: March 21-23 & March 28-30 | Test Window 2: Paper (Standard): April 4, 2023 Paper (Accommodations): April 4-7 & April 10-14 Online: April 4-6 & April 11-13 |

English Language Proficiency Assessment


| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| AZELLA Placement **/**** | KPT & Stages II-V | Two weeks before the start of school through May 12, 2023 |
| AZELLA Spring Reassessment **/**** | Stages I-V | January 30-March 17, 2023 |
| Alt ELPA Operational Field Test | Eligible students in Grades K-12 | February 1-March 17, 2023 |

Alternate Assessment


| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| MSAA – ELA and Math */**** | Eligible students in Grades 3 - 8 and 11 | March 13-April 28, 2023 |
| MSAA – Science **** | Eligible students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 | March 13-April 28, 2023 |

National and International Assessments


| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| NAEP Long-Term Trend | Age 13 (Selected schools will be notified) | October 10-December 16, 2022 |
| Additional international assessments in Spring 2023 – LEAs will be notified | | |



All Achievement testing (AASA, AzSCI, ACT, and ACT Aspire) is online, by default. The window for districts/charters to request paper testing for Achievement Assessments will be open in early Fall 2022.



All ACT, ACT Aspire, and AzSCI high school testing is by cohort.



Legend:
 *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: CCRI, Acceleration Readiness, or Other

Note: Distinctions are subject to change based on State Board determination regarding the State Accountability System.


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ACCESSIBILITY

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

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Accessibility

Arizona Accommodations Manual

- [Accessibility Guidelines](#) (Selecting, Administering, and Evaluating Accommodations for Instruction and Assessment)
October 2022
- [Achievement Assessments](#) (AASA, AzSCI, ACT, and ACT Aspire) Updated 7/29/22
- [Alternate Assessments](#) (MSAA ELA and Math and MSAA Science) Updated 8/30/21
- [AZELLA](#) (Arizona's English Language Learner Assessment) Updated 9/15/2022

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

- ▶ [Inclusion](#)
- ▶ [UDL \(Universal Design for Learning\)](#)
- ▶ [The Formative Assessment Process](#)
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ADE will upload **ALL** students to PearsonAccess^{next} (the test registration platform), including students who are eligible for Alternate Assessment.

Students who will take MSAA and Alt ELPA (the Alternate Assessments) will also be uploaded to the Alternate Assessment testing platforms.



ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS



AASA, AZSCI, ACT ASPIRE, ACT

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AASA: STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT FOR ELA AND MATH

Who to test:

Grades 3-8

Testing Window:

Computer-Based: April 3-April 28, 2023

Paper-Based: April 3-April 12, 2023

AZSCI: STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT FOR SCIENCE

Who to test:

Grades 5, 8, and Cohort 2024 (11th grade)

Testing Window:

March 20-April 14, 2023

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ACT ASPIRE: STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Grade 9 (Cohort 2026)

Testing Window:
Computer-Based: April 3-28, 2023
Paper-Based: April 3-April 12, 2023

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ACT: STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

GRADE 11 (COHORT 2024)

Testing Window 1:

Paper (Standard Administration):
March 21, 2023

Paper (Accommodations
Administration):
March 21-24 and March 27-31, 2023

Online Administration:
March 21-23 and March 28-30, 2023

Testing Window 2:

Paper (Standard Administration):
April 4, 2023

Paper (Accommodations
Administration):
April 4-7 and April 10-14, 2023

Online Administration:
April 4-6 and April 11-13, 2023

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Trainings

Coming Winter 2022-2023

AZ Achievement Assessments Training

Please enter your information below to get started.

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Testing Platforms: PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN)

Administrative Tasks

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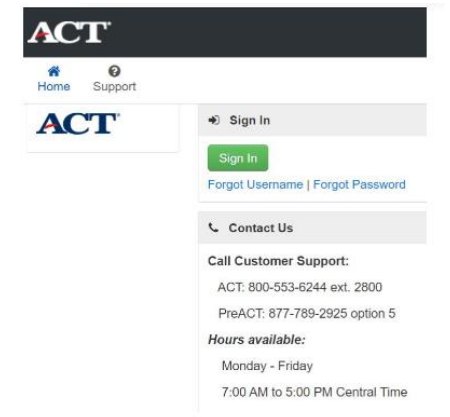
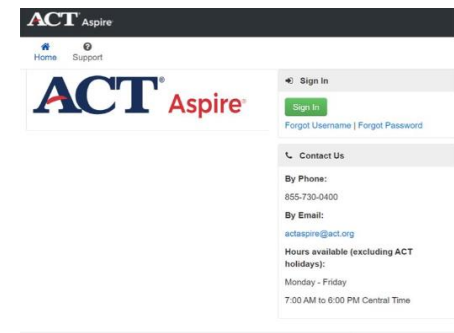
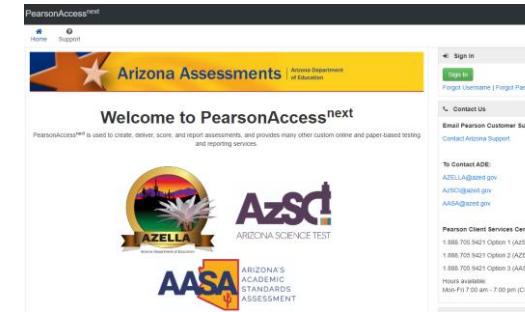
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ACT ASPIRE:

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Testing Platforms:

Operational and Sample Tests:

TestNav APP

Sample Tests:

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IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND WEBPAGES

AASA

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AASA

Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)

Grades 3-8 Testing:

AASA is the statewide achievement test for Arizona students in Grades 3-8. All Arizona public school students in Grades 3-8 will take the grade level AASA assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Contact Pearson Customer Support for AASA: 888-705-9421, Option 3 or [Contact Form](#)

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- [Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency](#)
- [Spring 2023 Manuals and Checklists](#)
- [PearsonAccessnext User's Guide and Tutorials](#)
- [AASA Blueprints and Cut Scores](#)
- [AASA Item Specifications](#)
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AzSCI (Arizona's Science Test)

The AzSCI assessment will be administered to students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2024) in the 2022-2023 school year.

[2022-2023 Achievement Test Security Agreement / Staff](#)

Contact Pearson Customer Support for AzSCI: 888-705-9421, Option 1 or [Contact Form](#)

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ACT AND ACT ASPIRE



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In addition to the resources listed on this page, please visit and bookmark the [ACT-hosted website for Arizona](#), which includes detailed information, resources, tutorials, webinar links, and manuals for the test administration of both ACT and ACT Aspire in Arizona. Please check back frequently as new information will be posted as it becomes available.

New Educator Resource:

[Arizona State Standards Alignment Guide for the ACT and ACT Aspire Early High School revised 9-20-2022](#)

ACT Aspire

ACT Aspire is the statewide high school achievement test, which will be administered to students in Grade 9/Cohort 2026 in Spring 2023.

While ACT Aspire is being discontinued at a national level, ACT is supporting ACT Aspire as Arizona's Grade 9/Cohort 2026 Statewide Assessment.

[ACT-hosted website for Arizona](#)

[PearsonAccess^{next}](#) - goes live for Spring 2023 on January 30, 2023

Contact ACT Aspire Customer Support:

855-730-0400 or [Contact Form](#)

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ACT

ACT is the statewide high school achievement test, which will be administered to students in Grade 11/Cohort 2024 in Spring 2023.

[ACT-hosted website for Arizona](#)

[PearsonAccess^{next}](#) - goes live for Spring 2023 on November 7, 2022

Contact ACT Customer Support:

General Questions:

800-553-6244, ext. 2800 or [Contact Form](#)

Arizona Questions: 319-337-1567

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ACT Hosted Website for Arizona

This is an ACT hosted website and here you can access a variety of resources to assist you with these assessments. There are a series of steps that take you to the resources related to the phase of test administration that you are currently working in.

The screenshot shows the ACT Test: Arizona website. At the top is the ACT logo and navigation links: AREA OF INTEREST, Solutions, Research, News & Blog, Contact, and MyACT Sign In. Below the navigation is a light blue banner with the text "Important Announcement" and "No new information at this time. Check back soon!". The main header is dark blue with the text "The ACT Test: Arizona" and links for "Next Steps | Important Dates | Help and Contact". The main content area is white and features a section titled "Test Administration Process Next Steps" with a subtext "Select your current phase of the test administration process to see resources related to that phase." Below this is a horizontal row of seven numbered steps (1-7) in blue circles, each with a corresponding "Step 1" through "Step 7" link. A dropdown menu labeled "Process Steps (Expand for Descriptions)" is positioned below the steps. The next section is "Important Dates" with a subtext "Your Schedule of Events (coming soon) contains all dates and deadlines for your test event. Check it frequently to ensure you're on track for a successful administration." Below this is a section titled "Test Dates" with two sub-sections: "The ACT Taken on Paper" and "The ACT Taken Online". Each sub-section lists test windows and dates. The "The ACT Taken on Paper" section lists: Test Window 1: March 21, 2023; Test Accommodations Window 1: March 21-24, 2023 and March 27-31, 2023; Test Window 2: April 4, 2023; and Test Accommodations Window 2: April 4-7, 2023 and April 10-14, 2023. The "The ACT Taken Online" section lists: Test Window 1: March 21-23, 2023 and March 28-30, 2023; and Test Window 2: April 4-6, 2023 and April 11-13, 2023. A note at the bottom of the "Test Dates" section states "Documents will be replaced as they become available for Spring 2023 testing". The final section is "Helpful Links" with a subtext "Expand each tray to reveal the information you're looking for."

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No new information at this time. Check back soon!

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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 Step 3 4 Step 4 5 Step 5 6 Step 6 7 Step 7

Process Steps (Expand for Descriptions)

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Test Dates

The ACT Taken on Paper

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The ACT Taken Online

- Test Window 1: March 21-23, 2023 and March 28-30, 2023
- Test Window 2: April 4-6, 2023 and April 11-13, 2023

Documents will be replaced as they become available for Spring 2023 testing

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

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Achievement DTCs

DTC Communications: These are sent regularly throughout the school year and will increase in frequency as we approach the testing windows. As communications are sent to DTCs, they will also be published on the Achievement DTC page of our website under the “Achievement DTC Communications – 2022-2023 School Year” dropdown.



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Achievement DTCs

The Achievement Testing District Test Coordinator is responsible for ELA and Math assessments for students in grades 3-8 and Science assessments for students in grades 5, 8, and 11. The Achievement DTC is also responsible for the administration of ACT Aspire for students in 9th grade and ACT for students in 11th grade.

[2022-2023 Achievement District Test Coordinator Quick Guide - 8-15-22](#)

► **Achievement DTC Communications - 2022-2023 School Year**

AASA

Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) is the statewide achievement test. Arizona public school students in Grades 3 through 8 will be assessed at their grade level in

AzSCI

AzSCI, Arizona's statewide achievement test for Science, is administered to students in Grade 5 (equally covering domains from Grade 3/4/5 standards), Grade 8 (equally covering domains

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IMPORTANT RESOURCES AND WEBPAGES

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

The screenshot shows the Arizona Department of Education website's Educator Resources page. The header includes the state logo, navigation links for SY 2022-2023, and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Educator Resources' and features a sidebar with links to Accessibility, Assessments, Assessments Conference, District Test Coordinators, Educator Resources, Parents and Students, and Technical and Legal Resources. The main content is organized into columns for AASA, AzSCI, and ACT. AASA resources include testing dates, sample tests, blueprints, cut scores, item specifications, performance level descriptors, writing resources, and additional ELA and Math resources. AzSCI resources include testing dates, sample tests, blueprints, performance level descriptors, cut scores, and exhibits. ACT resources include testing dates, resources, and cut scores. A contact section at the bottom provides email addresses for testing, AASA, AZELLA, and AzSCI inquiries.

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- ▶ Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency
- ▶ AASA Blueprints and Cut Scores
- ▶ AASA Item Specifications
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- ▶ Additional Resources

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- ▶ ACT Cut Scores

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AZELLA Inbox
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AzSCI Inbox
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Alternate Assessment Inbox
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ACHIEVEMENT DTC QUICK GUIDE

The screenshot shows a 'Quick Guide' document for Achievement DTC. It is titled 'Assessments' and 'ACHIEVEMENT DTC QUICK GUIDE'. The document is organized into sections: Important Links, Spring 2023 Achievement Tests, ADE Webpages to Bookmark, Technical Requirements, and Contact Information. The 'Important Links' section includes links to 'The Examiner', 'Assessment Test Coordinator and Security Agreement', and 'Pearson's Achievement Training Management System'. The 'Spring 2023 Achievement Tests' section lists AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT. The 'ADE Webpages to Bookmark' section lists links for 'Achievement District Test Coordinator', 'AASA', 'AzSCI', 'ACT/ACT ASPIRE Educator Resources', and 'PearsonAccessnext'. The 'Technical Requirements' section lists 'AASA and AzSCI', 'ACT ASPIRE', and 'ACT'. The 'Contact Information' section provides the Assessment Team phone number and email addresses for AASA, AzSCI, ACT, and ACT Aspire.

Assessments

ACHIEVEMENT DTC QUICK GUIDE

IMPORTANT LINKS

[The Examiner](#)
A newsletter published quarterly by ADE's Assessment team in August, November, February, and May

[Assessment Test Coordinator and Security Agreement](#) (send to Testing@azed.gov)

[Pearson's Achievement Training Management System](#) (updated trainings coming this Winter)

SPRING 2023 ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

AASA – Grades 3-8, ELA and Math

AzSCI – Grades 5, 8, and 11/Cohort 2024, Science

ACT Aspire – Grade 9/Cohort 2026

ACT – Grade 11/Cohort 2024

CALENDARS

[2022-2023 Assessments Overview](#)

[2022-2023 Detailed Testing Calendar](#)

COMING THIS FALL/WINTER

Test Administration Directions
Test Coordinator Manuals
AASA & AzSCI Important Tasks Checklist
ACT & ACT Aspire Schedule of Events

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACT & ACT Aspire: Testing@azed.gov
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ADE WEBPAGES TO BOOKMARK

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PearsonAccess^{next}:

[AASA and AzSCI](#): az.pearsonaccessnext.com
[ACT ASPIRE](#): aspire.act.org
[ACT](#): testadmin.act.org

[ACT-hosted website for Arizona](#)

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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[ACT](#) – iPads are not supported for ACT testing

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Resources Coming Soon

- ❑ DTC Important Tasks Checklists for AASA and AzSCI
- ❑ Schedule of Events for ACT and ACT Aspire

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ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

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ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/alternate-assessments-dtcs>

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Alternate Assessments DTCS

Alternate Assessments

The Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinator is responsible for the MSAA Alternate Assessments.

The State's Alternate Assessments (MSAA Science and MSAA ELA and Mathematics) were designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities in Grades 3-8 and high school. Students must meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the student's IEP team in order to participate in the State's Alternate Assessments.

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ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

What are alternate assessments?

Alternate assessments are designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Eligibility is determined by the IEP team annually following specific eligibility criteria.

The Alt ELPA is administered to English learners with the most significant cognitive disabilities in Grades K-12.

The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is administered to eligible students in Grades 3-8 and 11 in the areas of ELA, Mathematics and Science.

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Testing Windows:

Alt ELPA: February 1 – March 17, 2023

MSAA: March 13 – April 28, 2023

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Test administration:

One on one administration

Allows many accessibility features and accommodations to meet communication modes.

Alt ELPA Accommodations Manual



MSAA Accommodations Manual

The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)

Optimal Testing Conditions, Assessment Features, and Accommodations

Audience: Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, Service Providers, and IEP Team Members

The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is a comprehensive assessment system designed to promote increasingly higher academic outcomes for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in preparation for a broader array of post-secondary outcomes. The MSAA is designed to assess students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and measures academic content that is aligned to and derived from Arizona's academic content standards. This test contains many built-in supports that allow students to take the test using materials they are most familiar with and to communicate what they know and can do as independently as possible. The MSAA is administered in the areas of ELA and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 and 11 and Science in Grades 5, 8, and 11.

This assessment was developed through the research and development done by the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) and is being carried forward by the MSAA State Partners.

The MSAA is an online assessment, administered individually by a trained test administrator. The *Test Administration Manual (TAM)* contains detailed directions which include embedded accommodations tied to each item throughout the assessment. In addition to embedded accommodations, examples of the types of instructional accommodations which may be documented in the IEP for presentation, response, conditions, and timing are listed below. For important details on test preparation and administration, please consult the *MSAA Test Administration Manual (TAM)*. If you have questions about using a routine instructional accommodation during testing, please contact [The Alternate Assessment Unit](#).

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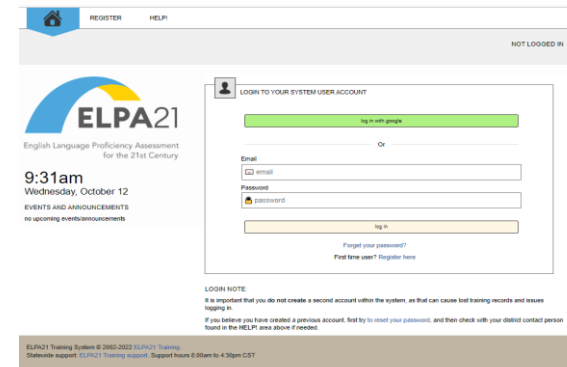
All communication is e-mailed to Alternate Assessment Test Coordinators. Notifications are posted on the:

[Alternate Assessment DTC webpage.](#)

Refer to the Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinator Handbook for dates and instructions for all alternate assessment activities.

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Alt ELPA Training Platform – LMS



The screenshot shows the ELPA21 LMS login interface. At the top, there are links for 'REGISTER' and 'HELP', and a status 'NOT LOGGED IN'. The ELPA21 logo is on the left, with the text 'English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century' and the date '9:31am Wednesday, October 12'. The main section is titled 'LOGIN TO YOUR SYSTEM USER ACCOUNT' and contains a 'log in with google' button, an 'OR' separator, and fields for 'Email' (with a checkbox for 'email') and 'Password'. Below these is a 'log in' button and links for 'Forgot your password?' and 'First-time user? Register here'. A 'LOGIN NOTE' section at the bottom provides instructions for new and existing users.

Alt ELPA Sample Items and
Test Administration Platform –
Cambium Portal



Welcome to the Arizona Portal

This portal contains information about the Arizona Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessments.

Browse by User



Quick Access

SYSTEM



Important Dates

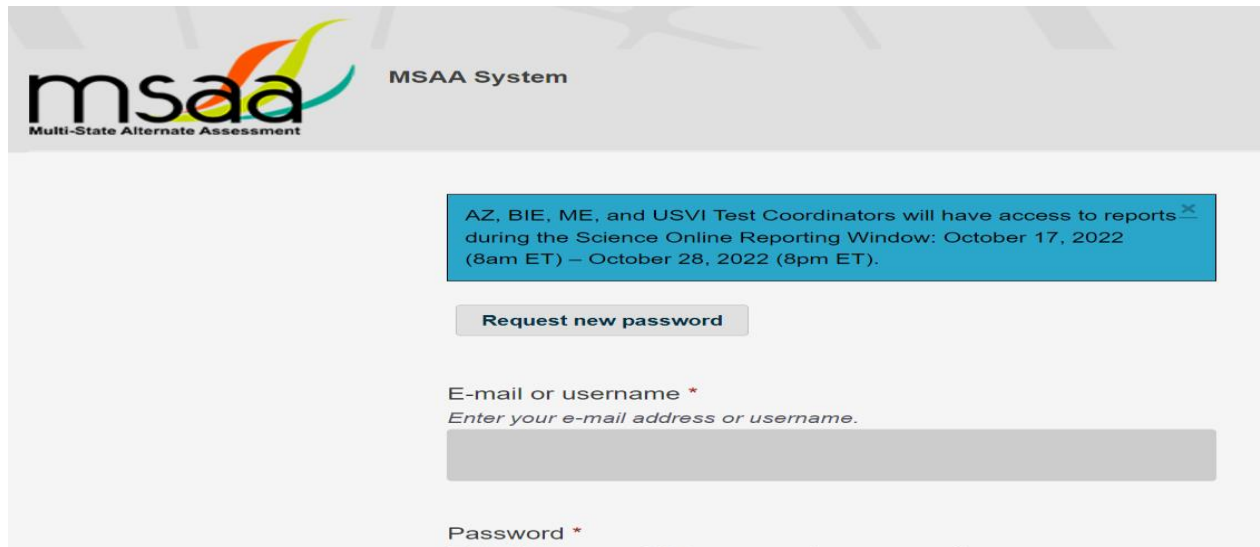
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MSAA Training and Test Administration Platform – [MSAA Portal](#)



The screenshot shows the MSAA System login interface. At the top left is the MSAA logo with the text "Multi-State Alternate Assessment" below it. To the right of the logo is the text "MSAA System". Below the header, there is a blue notification box containing the text: "AZ, BIE, ME, and USVI Test Coordinators will have access to reports during the Science Online Reporting Window: October 17, 2022 (8am ET) – October 28, 2022 (8pm ET)." Below the notification box is a button labeled "Request new password". Underneath the button, there is a label "E-mail or username *" followed by the instruction "Enter your e-mail address or username." and a text input field. Below the input field is a label "Password *" followed by a password input field.

msaa Multi-State Alternate Assessment MSAA System

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Request new password

E-mail or username *
Enter your e-mail address or username.

Password *

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AZELLA

The Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA) is a standards-based assessment that meets both state and federal requirements to measure students' English language proficiency. AZELLA is used for both placement and reassessment purposes. The AZELLA is administered to **eligible** Kindergarten through Grade 12 students.

The AZELLA District Test Coordinator (DTC) is responsible for all the AZELLA Assessment administrations - the year-round AZELLA Placement Test and the annual Spring Reassessment Test. This web page is dedicated to the administration, scoring, and reporting of the AZELLA tests.

[AZELLA FAQs](#) [Placement Test FAQs](#) [Reassessment Test FAQs](#)

AZELLA Calendars

[▶ AZELLA Test Administration Calendars and Important Notices](#)

AZELLAology

[▶ AZELLAology - Live Q&A](#)

AZELLA Information and Guidance

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What is **AZELLA**?

The Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA) is:

- a standards-based assessment that meets both state and federal requirements to measure students' English language proficiency
- used for both placement and reassessment purposes

AZELLA assesses the four domains of the language: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

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Who to test?

Upon **first enrollment** in an Arizona school, if any of the three questions on the Home Language Survey (HLS) form is answered with any language other than English or American Sign Language (ASL), the student must be administered an **AZELLA Placement Test**. The three questions are as follows:

1. What language do people speak in the home *most* of the time?
2. What language does the student speak *most* of the time?
3. What language did the student first speak or understand?

The **Spring Reassessment Test** is administered to all English learners until they obtain an Overall Level of Proficiency of Proficient.

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AZELLA TEST WINDOWS

Placement Test Window:

As early as two weeks before the first day of school, provided all the pre-testing requirements have been met.

Test administration closes 5/12/2023

Spring 2023 Reassessment Test Window:

January 31, 2023 – March 17/2023

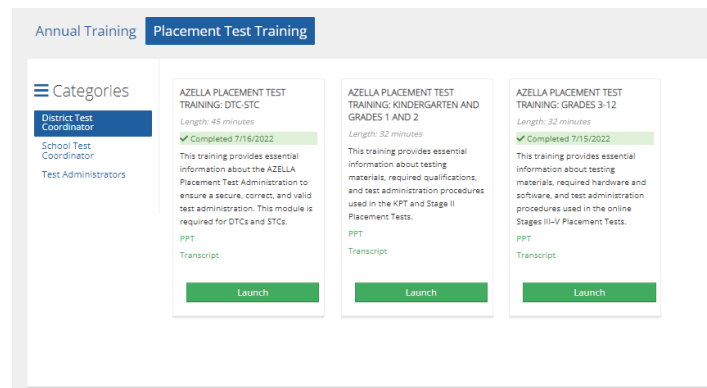
AZELLA Test Administration Calendars for School Year 2022 – 2023

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AZELLA Training Platforms

Arizona Training Management System (ATMS) <https://az.tms.pearson.com>

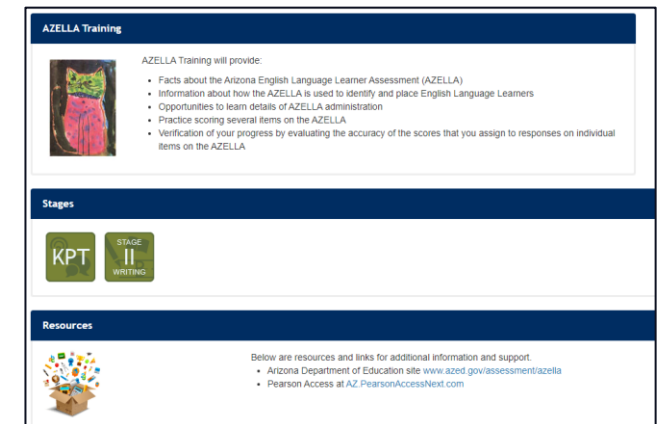
- Annual, Placement, and Reassessment training modules by category



Understand Scoring*
<https://azella.scoring.pearsonassessments.com/understandscoring/>

- Kindergarten Placement Test – Test Administrator Qualification
- Stage II Writing Scorer Qualification

*Only for districts that serve KG – Grade 2 students for the **Placement Test Administration**.



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AZELLA Communications:

The AZELLA Communiqué sent to AZELLA District Test Coordinators:

- Welcome DTC Email –all the basic information for training, calendars, and much more!
- Regular Communications –updates and reminders

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Virtual Office hours –AZELLAology (not required, but suggested for new DTCs)

On scheduled Tuesdays to ask questions and learn about specific topics.

The link to the AZELLAology and schedule can be found at:

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/azella-dtcs>

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QUESTIONS?



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