



The State of Assessments and Accountability: An Overview for the 2022-2023 School Year

September 9, 2022 Webinar

Alt ELPA

Is Alt ELPA taking the place of MSAA?

No, MSAA assesses eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities in Grades 3-8 and 11 in ELA and Mathematics. Alt ELPA is our new alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment assessing eligible students in grades K-12.

Does Alt ELPA fall under the Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinator or the AZELLA District Test Coordinator?

The Alternate Assessment District Test Coordinator will be ADE's Assessment Unit main contact for the coordination of Alt ELPA.

AZELLA

Will there be a new AZELLA Placement test in Fall 2023?

Yes, beginning in Fall of 2023, the new AZELLA Placement test aligned to the new ELPS will be available.

PearsonAccess^{next} Enhancements

Will we be able to add students in more than one group in PAN?

No. Students can be in only one testing group at a time.

Is there a way to enter a teacher's name for students?

Students can be put in testing groups by teacher name, but other teachers will still be able to view the students.

Has a feature been added for more quickly assigning students to testing groups?

Yes. The User's Guide will have instructions for using the Student Test Update Import file to load students into a testing group. This can more easily be accomplished by a CSV upload.

Will there be enhancements for the transfer process for students within the system?

Yes, there will be a Work Request Import process for doing bulk transfers.

Will School Test Coordinators be able to complete work requests or only the District Test Coordinator?

No, based on feedback received, this would not be something that would be beneficial for all LEAs across the state. We will continue to look for ways to improve this process.

Will proctors be able to see how far each student has progressed through the test? When more than 100 students are in a session, this feature is not visible in PAN, and AzSCI used a single session for all students in a school (which usually exceeded 100).

Yes, a new dashboard will be available for DTCs that will show test status by district or school.

Paper-Based Testing**Will districts and charters have the option for paper-based testing this year?**

Yes, this is permitted by state law. Requests for paper testing must be submitted in ADEConnect by District Test Coordinators within the provided window.

When will districts and charters need to finalize their test administration format (paper vs. computer) for Spring 2023?

The Testing Mode Selection Application is open in ADEConnect September 19 – October 14, 2022.

Training**When will District Test Coordinator trainings be available this year?**

DTC Training will be available late Fall (no later than Dec 2022). AASA and AzSCI Training modules will be accessed through the Arizona Training Management System.

Will there be a specific training for Test Administrators this year?

Yes, Test Administrators will complete a Test Security and Ethics training as well as a Test Administration Responsibilities training. Both will be available in the Arizona Training Management System. In addition, Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that Test Administrators receive any additional test-specific training, as needed.

When should training for Test Administrators be completed this year?

Test Administrators must complete training prior to administering any tests.

Is there a training to help guide us with the Parent Portal?

There is not a specific training, however there is a User's Guide for Districts (to obtain Claim Codes) and a User's Guides for Parents/Families to access the portal, use their claim code and view their student's overall Assessment results.

Accountability**When do letter grades come out?**

School Letter Grades will be released no later than November 1st, per state law.

How can we be added to the distribution list for notification of data releases?

ADE has list serves for Press Releases from ADE/Superintendent's Office. Accountability provides information to the field via their newsletter, *The Grader*. To request to be added to Accountability's distribution list, email Achieve@azed.gov. To receive general emails from ADE's Communications Team, please sign up for the School Year 2022-2023 list serv: <https://www.azed.gov/SchoolYear>.

When will the next static file be released so that we can validate the data used for A-F Letter Grade determinations?

The next static file will be released mid-October.

What should we do if we find errors in the public data file?

If you have concerns about possible errors in the public data file, please contact the Achieve Inbox at Achieve@azed.gov.

There are no AOs included in the public data file. Will those results be available elsewhere?

Yes, an initial file was released in September, and an updated file will be released in October. AOs were inadvertently redacted in the September file.

Are there upcoming trainings or workshops regarding A-F Letter Grades?

The Accountability team does not have any scheduled trainings regarding A-F Letter Grades. High-level information was presented at the Assessments Conference in September.

In the publicly released data file, there is an asterisk (*) in some columns for percent passed. Why might data be missing from some?

To protect students' privacy, any fields that would make it possible to identify groups of fewer than 11 students are redacted with an asterisk.

Where can we locate the public file?

The public file can be found under 'Data' > 'State Assessment Results' on the Accountability webpage here: <https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/data>.

Will we see A-F component data in ADEConnect prior to the State Board meetings?

The Accountability team is working diligently to publish A-F component data in ADEConnect. Our top priority is to produce accurate data in the portal. We hope to publish data prior to the October 17th Board meeting, depending on the time required to clean and validate the data.

Who has access to the Static File? Do DTCs have access or is that at the Superintendent level?

Access to the static file is through the Accountability Application in ADEConnect. LEA Student Information System staff can enable access for others who need to view the static file.

If my school is not included in the report released on September 7th, what should I do?

If your school is not included in the public assessment report released on September 7th, first, please email Achieve@azed.gov to subscribe to *The Grader* email list in order to be notified

when the file is updated. If you're concerned whether your school will appear in the update, please also email the Achieve inbox so we can confirm.

Webinar Information

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