

Arizona Science Standards and Assessment Transition and Implementation

**New Standards
Fall 2018**

- 2018-19:**
- 2004 Standards
 - AIMS Science spring 2019

**Year 1:
2019-2020 AIMS
Science
Assessment and
begin
implementation of
new standards**

- Implementation of new 2018 Standards
- AIMS Science spring 2020
- Field Test for item types
- Request waiver from USDOE for forms field test for 2021

**Year 2:
2020-2021
Implementation
year for standards
and transition year
for assessment**

- Continue implementing 2018 Standards
- ~~AIMS Science-spring 2021~~
- Forms Field
- Testing

**Year 3:
2021-2022
Implementation year
for standards and
assessment**

**New Science
Assessment:**

5th grade: 3/4/5

8th grade: 6/7/8

11th Grade 9/10/11
Essential Standards

**ADE:Provides Phase 1 of guidance implementation
With documents and introductory webinars as professional development
(January- April, 2019)**

Updated:8/24/20

- Please note the timeline for implementation of the new science standards and science assessment is tentative. As the implementation process evolves, ADE will solicit input from various stakeholders and share information regarding updates as necessary.

AIMS Science: "The Arizona State Board of Education took advantage of a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to eliminate the testing of AIMS Science in the 2020-2021 school year. AIMS Science was scheduled to be administered in 4th, 8th, and 10th grade for the final time before being replaced by AzSCI. Simultaneously, AzSCI was scheduled to be census field tested in 5th, 8th and 11th grade. With the action taken by the Board, schools can now focus on the new assessment, AzSCI, which aligned to the new standards. AIMS Science is now retired." Arizona State Board of Education virtual met 8-12-20. Highlights of the State Board Meeting

For More information, please visit the ASE Assessment website.