WELCOME TO WEBINAR #1: OVERVIEW FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

This webinar will be recorded and posted on the ADE Assessments webpage.

Please enter your First and Last Name in the Chat for tracking purposes for the live event.

We will also be capturing the chat questions. If there are questions that were frequently asked or need further clarification, ADE will compile and create an FAQ which will then be posted on the Assessments webpage under Friday Focus Webinars.
WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

• ADE Assessments Team will have 8 more webinar sessions in this series for the 2023 - 2024 school year

• These webinars will be recorded and posted on the Assessments Webpage

• This session will spotlight what has transpired over the last year and a plan for moving forward with test administration and accountability
TEST ADMINISTRATION
2023-2024

TEST WINDOWS, RESOURCES, AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING UPDATES
NEW CUT SCORES

This past summer ADE and Arizona educators were busy participating in several standard settings.

• AZELLA – new proficiency levels (approved by Supt. Horne)
• MSAA Science – new proficiency levels (approved by State Board of Education)
  • Results available in the MSAA Testing Platform – beginning October 16, 2023
• Alt ELPA – new proficiency levels (will be approved by Supt. Horne)
  • Results will be available in the Alt ELPA Testing Platform October 23 at the latest
2023-2024 Test Windows

**Achievement Assessments**

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**National and International Assessments**

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Additional international assessments in Spring 2024 – LEAs will be notified

**Legend:**

*Used in Federal Accountability: Participation (All Subjects tested)

**Used in State Accountability: Proficiency (K-12)

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****Used in State Accountability: CCR, Acceleration/Graduation, or Other

**Used in State Accountability: Growth

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

2023-2024 Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)

Test Windows

Comput
Online
April
• Online Testing – Early April

ACT Aspire

Online Testing:
April 1 – April 26, 2024
Paper Testing (including Special Paper Version tests):
April 1 – April 10, 2024

2023-2024 Statewide High School Assessments

Test Windows

ACT Test Window 1
ACT Test Window 2
AzSCI

2023-2024 Arizona's Science Test (AzSCI)

Test Window:
March 18 – April 12, 2024

AzSCI – Grades 5, 8, and 11 / Cohort 2025 – Overview

✓ Based on grade bands. Students in Grade 5 will be assessed on standards from Grades 3-5. Students in Grade 8 will be assessed on standards from Grades 6-8.
✓ Students in Cohort 2025 will be assessed on high school Essential Standards in physical science, earth and space science, and life science
✓ AzSCI test units are untimed.
✓ Three test units, estimated 60-90 minutes each
✓ Calculator – Grade 5: Desmos, Four-Function
✓ Calculator – Grades 8 and 11: Desmos, Scientific
✓ AzSCI is an online test only. Any paper tests administered are “Special Paper Version” tests, requiring the student responses to be key-entered in TestNav by a trained Test Administrator by the end of the test window.
✓ Cohort 2025 students will take AzSCI regardless of actual grade level or the science courses they have completed or are enrolled in.
✓ Cohort 2025 students will also take ACT in Spring 2024, which includes a Science subtest in addition to the English, Reading, Math, and Writing subtests.

Accessibility

✓ Arizona Accommodations Manual (revised August 2022):
https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility
✓ Special Paper Version tests available - Braille, large print, and regular print
✓ American Sign Language (ASL) test forms are available.
✓ Submit requests for Special Paper Version tests, ASL tests, and Additional Accommodations September 5, 2023 – February 23, 2024. Submission request forms and request process quick guides will be published at https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility

Resources

✓ Sample Tests, including for ASL: https://home.testnav.com/’ Login is not required. Select “Arizona,” then select “Mic Check & Sample Tests.”
✓ Blueprints, Item Specifications, and Performance Level Descriptors:
https://www.azed.gov/assessment/Resources

Email: AASCIT@azed.gov
Website: https://www.azed.gov/assessment/Asci
Welcome back to another school year! We hope you all had some rest this summer. For statewide assessments, the 2023-2024 school year will be another more normal year as we are not implementing any new statewide assessments, nor do we have any stand-alone field tests.

We just ended a month’s long sprint of summer committees. These committees continue to be a great experience, learning and observing as Arizona educators shine! The expertise and dedication to collaborate with the Assessment team to ensure continued improvements to our statewide assessments has been amazing. It was even recommended that every teacher should participate in at least one of the assessment committees. Please encourage educators and parents to submit a committee application!

This summer, ADE Assessments conducted the AZELLA Standard Setting, in which committees of Arizona educators set cut scores and performance levels for English learners (ELs). Later this summer, the Alt ELPA embedded Standard Setting will be finalized.

Please review the following clarifications:

Beginning with the Spring 2023 AZELLA Reassessment administration and forward, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should be clearly messaging that new AZELLA cut scores, performance levels, and descriptors were set and were approved by Superintendent Horne. These new performance levels represent what is expected and should be demonstrated by ELs AND no comparison can be made to the previous administrations or versions of AZELLA.

https://www.azed.gov/assessment/bulletin
For the 2023-2024 school year, ADE will continue to collect data. This information will be shared with the State Board of Education.

ORF will NOT be a part of the students’ ELA score or Move on When Reading for 2023-2024.

New this year – paper-based schools will administer the ORF session via TestNav. Telephones are no longer an option. Utilizing TestNav will allow up to 6 students appropriately spaced to be administered the test simultaneously. The option to administer individually remains available as well, dependent on the number of devices the LEA has.
NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- For the 2023-2024 school year, training modules for DTCs, STCs, proctors, technology specialists, TAs, and any other required staff will be accessed through the new Arizona Learning Management System (AZ LMS)

- Achievement DTCs will receive a “Welcome Email” in December - more information to come

- The Arizona LMS is a separate platform - you cannot access it from PAN
Test scores are linked to ACT scales to obtain the ACT predicted score range.
AASA REPORTS – PERFORMANCE LEVEL DASHBOARDS

Accessible via PAN Reporting portal
On demand
Permissions/Access is through Historical Report Viewer role which is given to DTCs, and then DTCs can give access to other users in their LEA.

Arizona Assessments Conference – September 17-19, 2024

Integrating assessments, standards, and accountability for student success

https://www.azed.gov/assessment/conference
STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- State, District, and School Letter Grades are mandated by State Law and must be Board approved. These must be made available to LEAs no later than November 1st of each school year.

Grader Newsletter email: Achieve@azed.gov
The flyer is posted on the Assessment Main page:


Reminder: participants must register in ADE’s Professional Learning and Development (APLD) system

Log in information to join the session will be sent to registered participants prior to the event. Login information will not be available in APLD.
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!

For questions, please contact us at: Testing@azed.gov