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Webinar – AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading Summer Administration May 8, 2024

Are students who do not meet the Spring 2024 Move on When Reading (MOWR) indicator required to take the summer AASA ELA-Reading test?

*On September 25, 2023, the Arizona State Board of Education identified and approved **another option** to meet the requirements in **R7-2-318**. The AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading Summer Administration only applies to Grade 3 students who fail to meet the MOWR indicator on the Spring 2024 AASA ELA administration and who do not qualify for one of the good cause exemptions related to students with IEPs or in the process of a special education referral, a diagnosis of dyslexia, or being an English learner (EL) and have had fewer than **three** years of English language instruction. Students who do not meet the MOWR indicator are not required to take the summer AASA ELA-Reading test.*

Is the Summer AASA the only way to demonstrate sufficient progress?

The AASA Summer Administration is an additional option for LEA use. There are other ways to demonstrate sufficient progress. This summer retest option is a resource to show progress but is not a requirement.

Can districts continue to use assessments they see as appropriate to deem proficiency as we have done in the past?

Yes, LEAs may continue to use previously established tools to determine proficiency at their discretion.

Is Dibels an acceptable alternative?

Dibels is an acceptable alternative that can be used. For more information regarding acceptable options, please contact the Move on When Reading (MOWR) team at moveonwhenreading@azed.gov.

If a student takes the summer test and does not pass, can they still move on to Grade 4 if they pass our current assessments already in place?

The AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading assessment is an optional resource. LEAs will have the same authority to make the final determination regarding adequate progress and retention for MOWR.

If the student's academic record with benchmarks shows that they are reading far below grade level, should we test the student?

The qualification for the AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading summer test is not meeting the MOWR indicator on the AASA spring assessment.



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If we give the summer test to one student, do we have to offer it to all eligible students, or can we choose who takes the test and who doesn't to help us make promotion decisions that best fit the child?

Only students who do not meet the Spring MOWR indicator can take the AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading summer test. The AASA Grade 3 summer administration is not required but is an optional resource that can be used for individual students who did not meet the Spring 2024 MOWR indicator. It is not required that the same resource be used for all eligible students.

Why are students with non-valid scores or no scores on the Spring 2024 ELA assessment exempt from taking the summer test?

*Any students that will participate in the Summer administration **must have a valid attempt and a valid ELA score** from the Spring administration. ADE will upload to PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN) all Grade 3 students who do not meet the MOWR indicator. No additional students will be added to PAN. Districts, charters, and schools will determine which uploaded students qualify for one of the MOWR good cause exemptions. Students who do not have a valid ELA score will not be included in the upload and cannot be added to PAN.*

If a qualifying student transferred in or out of our school after Spring 2024 testing, where may they take the Summer assessment?

Students who transfer schools between the Spring and Summer administrations will be assessed at their new school. This will be the "testing school." The school that tested the student during the Spring 2024 administration will be the "reporting school." Be on the lookout for Work Requests in PAN for transferred students.

If we are using our district assessments instead of the AASA test, should we still monitor PAN for work requests from other schools?

Yes, please continue to monitor work requests in PAN for student transfers, even if you are planning on using another instrument other than the AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading assessment. Students who have transferred to another district may need to be assessed in their new district.

When will we receive the results from this test?

On demand reports will be available in PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN) beginning June 19th, to both the reporting organization and the testing organization, 48 hours after testing is completed. Published reports, including Student Data Files and Individual Student Reports, will be published in PAN for the reporting organization August 16th. Paper copies of the Individual Student Reports will be delivered to the reporting organization August 30th. Parent Portal reports will be posted September 13th.



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Is there a process and deadline for requesting Special Paper Version (SPV) tests?

The summer test will be in the computer-based test format. SPV tests (braille, large print, and regular print) and American Sign Language (ASL) tests will be available for students who require these formats based on their IEP or 504 plan. ADE will contact districts based on students who took SPV or ASL tests in the spring. Students who took an SPV or ASL test in Spring 2024 will have the same accommodated test format in the summer.

Will the summer test impact the data used for A-F letter grades given to schools?

The AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading assessment will not impact the letter grades or accountability.

Will a student's summer ELA-Reading score replace their Spring 2024 ELA-Reading score in ADE datasets?

The AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading Summer assessment will not replace the Spring score.

Can parents request the summer AASA ELA-Reading test as an option if their child did not meet the MOWR indicator, or is this an LEA decision?

It is the LEA's decision on which resource is used for students who did not meet the MOWR indicator.

Will testing staff need to complete the three mandatory trainings in AzLMS?

Test Administrators will need to complete the mandatory trainings. If Test Administrators already completed training prior to the Spring 2024 administration, then no additional trainings are required. New Test Administrators for the summer administration may complete trainings within AzLMS, or District Test Coordinator may provide the training in a group setting.

Will the universal accommodation of students having a familiar test administrator need to be provided?

Having a familiar test administrator is ideal and best practice, when possible.

Do schools and districts need to indicate that we are using benchmark testing instead of the summer AASA test?

The ADE Assessment team does not require this information. The ADE MOWR team will need this information to be included in the literacy plan.

Will eligible students take the same AASA Grade 3 ELA Reading test as they took during the spring administration?

New test forms are built for every AASA administration.



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Webinar Information

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The recorded webinar and presentation are posted on the Achievement District Test Coordinator website at <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement-dtcs> under the "Webinar: AASA Grade 3 ELA-Reading Summer 2024" dropdown. If you attended the live webinar, you can access your certificate through your account in the ADE Professional Learning & Development (APLD) system.