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# AGENDA

2024-2025 Achievement Assessment Reporting Dates

AASA Reports

MOWR data collection

2026 Administration

Essential Standards and AASA

ACT Enhancements

# REPORTING DATES

## 2024-2025 Statewide Achievement Assessments - Reporting

### Reporting Dates – Electronic and Paper Copies of Reports

| AASA | AzSCI (Grades 5, 8, and Cohort 2026/Grade 11) | ACT Aspire (Cohort 2028/Grade 9) | ACT (Cohort 2026/Grade 11) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grade 3 – Electronic Reports: May 15, 2025<br>Grades 4-8 – Electronic Reports: May 23, 2025<br>Grades 3-8 – Summary Cluster Report: May 30, 2025<br>Grades 3-8 – Parent Portal: June 11, 2025<br>Grades 3-8 – Paper Reports: June 12, 2025<br>Grades 3-8 Performance Level Dashboards and Historical Student Data: June 13, 2025 | Electronic Reports: May 23, 2025<br>Summary Performance File: May 23, 2025<br>Paper Reports: June 12, 2025 | Electronic Reports: May 23, 2025<br>Paper Reports: June 12, 2025 | Students and schools, online and paper individual student reports:<br>5-8 weeks following receipt of examinee test responses<br>School and District Data Files and Contract Reports: May 29, 2025 |

### AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment)

✓ Electronic Reports in PearsonAccess[next] include District and School Roster Reports (PDF), Individual Student Reports (PDF), Student Data Files (.txt), and OnDemand Reports.
✓ **New this year** – A Summary Cluster Performance Report will be available in PearsonAccess[next].
✓ **New this year** – Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency is an operational test unit and will be included in AASA Grade 3 ELA scores and in the Move on When Reading (MOWR) indicator.
✓ Predicted ACT score will be included on AASA Grade 8 reports.
✓ The AASA Parent Portal is an optional resource to share with parents via a claim code. The claim codes report is available in PearsonAccess[next].
✓ Resources: AASA Reporting Guide and Parent Portal User Guide

### AzSCI (Arizona's Science Test)

✓ Electronic Reports in PearsonAccess[next] include District and School Roster Reports (PDF), Individual Student Reports (PDF), Student Data Files (.txt.), and Summary Data Files (.txt).
✓ Resource: AzSCI Reporting Guide

### ACT Aspire

✓ Electronic reports in PearsonAccess[next] include various PDF reports, Individual Student Reports (PDF), and the Student Performance Files (Excel).
✓ Resources: https://az-support.mypearsonsupport.com/aspire/

### ACT

✓ ACT electronic reports are available at success.act.org. Reports are considered final May 29, 2025.
✓ Resources: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/arizona/the-act.html#step7

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# AASA REPORTS

New reports are available for the 2025 administration:

Cluster reports align with clusters of standards within the standards documents

o Cluster level data is only reported when psychometrically valid

o ADE will provide a list of reportable clusters for 2026 administration in the fall

o Available at student, school, and district level

o See the reporting guide for additional details

Also, OnDemand Reports feature is returning to PAN based on your feedback!

Achievement Assessments Reporting Infographic – all reporting dates for Spring 2025 in one place

# AASA Summary Cluster Performance Report–Mathematics (Math)

The Summary Cluster Performance Report in PearsonAccess[next] can be accessed by both District Test Coordinators and School Test Coordinators.

**AASA Summary Cluster Performance Report–English Language Arts (ELA)**



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)**
**SUMMARY CLUSTER PERFORMANCE REPORT - ONLINE TEST FORMS**
**GRADE 6 - SPRING 20XX**

DISTRICT: DISTRICT NAME (9999999)



**MATHEMATICS (MATH)**
**SUMMARY CLUSTER PERFORMANCE REPORT - PAPER TEST FORMS**
**GRADE 6 - SPRING 20XX**

SCHOOL: SCHOOL NAME (9999999)
DISTRICT: DISTRICT NAME (9999999)

**1** **Report Name**–The content area, name of the score report, specified grade, and test administration year are displayed on the top of the report.

**2** **Report Data**–

- For the district level report: The district name, ELA or Math Reporting Categories and Clusters, **Number of Points Possible**, **State Mean Points**, **District Mean Points**, **Group–Mean Points Earned** by school, and **Number of Students with Valid Results** are displayed.

- For the school level report: The district and school name, ELA or Math Reporting Categories and Clusters, **Number of Points Possible**, **State Mean Points**, **District Mean Points**, **School Mean Points**, **Group–Mean Points Earned** by the school's assigned group names, and **Number of Students with Valid Results** are displayed.

**Note:** Clusters with less than 5 points possible are suppressed.

# MOWR DATA COLLECTION

Grade 3 Summer AASA Reading test will not be available

Use the assessment tools you have been using already

Can also sign up for Navvy – free to LEAs
- Send e-mail to Testing@azed.gov letting us know you are interested
- Set up within 2 weeks
- Navvy team will have additional guidance on using Navvy for MOWR data collection
- Does not include oral reading fluency component – still need to supplement

Navvy is available to anyone who wants to use it as a formative assessment tool!

# 2026 ADMINISTRATION

Assessments Overview with tentative test windows

https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2025/04/Assessments_Overview_2526.pdf

Check the website for additional information and updates throughout the year!

Up next: Essential Standards, ACT Enhancements

# 2025-2026 TENTATIVE TESTING DATES

## 2025-2026 Assessments Overview - Tentative Test Windows

### Achievement Assessments

| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window | |
|---|---|---|---|
| AASA (ELA and Math) */^/**/***/**** | Grades 3-8 | **Computer-Based Testing:** March 30 - April 24, 2026 **(Grades 3-8 Writing and Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency must be completed by April 10, 2026)** | **Paper-Based Testing:** March 30 - April 8, 2026 (Grades 3-8 Writing must be scheduled for March 30 or March 31, 2026) **(Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency must be completed by April 10, 2026)** |
| AzSCI (Science) **** | Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2027) | **Computer-Based Testing:** March 16 - April 10, 2026 | |
| ACT Aspire ***/**** | Grade 9 (Cohort 2029) | **Computer-Based Testing:** March 30 - April 24, 2026 | **Paper-Based Testing:** March 30 - April 8, 2026 |
| ACT (with Writing) */**/***/**** | Grade 11 (Cohort 2027) | **Test Window 1:** **Paper (Standard):** March 24, 2026 **Paper (Accommodations):** March 24-27, March 30-31, April 1-3, 2026 **Online:** March 24-27, March 30-31, April 1-3, 2026 | **Test Window 2:** **Paper (Standard):** April 7, 2026 **Paper (Accommodations):** April 7-10 & April 13-17, 2026 **Online:** April 7-10 & April 13-17, 2026 |

### English Language Proficiency Assessment

| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window |
|---|---|---|
| AZELLA Placement **/*** | KPT & Grades 1-12 | Two weeks before the first instructional day of school through May 8, 2026 |
| AZELLA Spring Reassessment **/*** | Grades K-12 | January 26 - March 13, 2026 |
| Alt ELPA Screener **/*** | Eligible students in Grades K-12 | August 4, 2025 - May 8, 2026 |
| Alt ELPA Summative **/*** | Eligible students in Grades K-12 | January 26 - March 13, 2026 |

### Alternate Assessment

| Assessment | Grade(s) | Test Window |
|---|---|---|
| MSAA – ELA and Math */***/**** | Eligible students in Grades 3 - 8 and 11 | Mid-March through April 2026 (exact dates to be determined) |
| MSAA – Science **** | Eligible students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 | Mid-March through April 2026 (exact dates to be determined) |

### National and International Assessments

| Assessment | Ages | Test Window |
|---|---|---|
| NAEP – Math and Reading | Grades 4 and 8 | Selected schools will be notified of specific test window and students to be tested |

# ESSENTIAL STANDARDS AND AASA

Essential standards:

- Targeted for emphasis on AASA
- Blueprint will not change
- All standards must be taught and will be tested
- Attempts to increase cluster reporting
- No curriculum or scope and sequence changes needed

https://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/english-language-arts-and-math-essential-standards

# ESSENTIAL STANDARDS FOR ELA AND MATH

**WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL STANDARDS FOR GRADES 3 THROUGH 8?**

Essential Standards are individual standards selected to receive a greater proportion of questions on the AASA exam beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. The identified Essential Standards will receive the maximum number of questions allowed by the standards blueprint.

**HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE AASA?**

The state assessment will retain the same length and duration. **ALL STANDARDS** remain valid and subject to inclusion in each year's AASA. Essential Standards are grouped into clusters identified on the AASA blueprint. Clusters with Essential Standards will have the maximum number of questions and a new report for LEAs.

**WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

Essential Standards stay within the current State Board approved blueprint and as such no new curriculum or scope and sequences need to be purchased or developed.

# ACT ENHANCEMENTS

Transition from PearsonAccess Next to ACT Now – more information available fall 2025

Still required:
- ACT Writing
- ACT Science
- AzSCI

Science + Math for STEM Score

Reading, English, and Writing for ELA score

Composite will change to EMR (English, Math, and Reading). Previously Science was included.

Fewer test items and more time per item

Flexibility to administer Science and Writing on a separate day from English, Math, and Reading

# ACT ENHANCEMENTS FOR 2026 ADMINISTRATION

## ACT Enhancements: Key Details

| Change | Description |
|---|---|
| More time per item | • Average of ~10 seconds more per item (varies among subjects). |
| Testing time reduced | • Composite score received in ~2 hours, rather than ~3 hours |
| Fewer items per section | • ~44 items shorter in total (across English, math, and reading). |

**Science has been chosen to be included in the 2026 Administration.**

*Future years are TBD

# CHANGES TO TIMING AND ITEM COUNTS

## Table 1. Summary of the Number of Items and Testing Time on the Legacy and Enhanced ACT by Section

The following table shows a comparison of the total number of items and testing time by section for the legacy and enhanced ACT test.

| | ACT - Legacy | | ACT - Enhanced | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Items | Total Time (Min) | Items | Total Time (Min) |
| English | 75 | 45 | 50* | 35 |
| Math | 60 | 60 | 45* | 50 |
| Reading | 40 | 35 | 36* | 40 |
| Science | 40 | 35 | 40* | 40 |
| Writing | 1 | 40 | 1 | 40 |
| Core ACT Administration** | 215 | 175 | 131* | 125 |

*Number includes embedded field-test items that do not contribute to score points.
**The core administration is the shortest administration of the test and results in a college-reportable Composite Score. The core administration for the legacy ACT is English, Math, Reading, and Science. The core administration for the enhanced ACT is English, Math, and Reading.

# WHAT SCORES WILL AZ STUDENTS RECEIVE WITH STATE ACT TESTING?

## More Flexibility:
## New Composite Score Starting Fall 2025

ACT { **English** **Math** **Reading** → **COMPOSITE**

ACT + **Science** → **STEM SCORE**
+ **Writing** → **ELA SCORE**

- Starting in fall 2025, the ACT Composite will be English, math, and reading (EMR).
- Students can still take all five subjects, giving them flexibility to choose their own test experience tailored to their education needs.
- Students who choose to take the science section will receive a STEM score, and students who choose to take the writing section will receive an ELA score.

Arizona students will receive all of these scores for State Testing (2026)

# ACT RESOURCES

Updated ACT Practice Tests

Student-friendly gamified ACT questions: https://quizme.act.org

Webinar on demand:
https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/4766118/49FC5A18DEC2E0A45FD17AD00E47B958

Enhancements webpage: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-changes/enhancements.html

Comparison of the Legacy and Enhanced ACT Test

# QUESTIONS?