



Assessments

Friday Focus Webinar Statewide Assessments Stakeholder Feedback September 12, 2025

Will we receive a copy of the presentation?

Yes, all of the presentations and a recording will be posted for all of the Friday Focus Webinars at [Statewide Assessments Friday Focus Webinars | Arizona Department of Education](#).

How many years does a typical statewide assessment contract run?

A contract can run for up to 7 years; however, the length of the contract may differ by assessment program.

When do the current statewide assessment contracts expire? With new contracts, could there be a different company hosting the tests or will the assessment vendors remain the same?

The current contract in place for AZELLA will expire June 2026; MSAA will expire in December 2026; and AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT will expire after the Spring 2027 test administration. There may be changes to the assessments under the new contracts. We will share information when it is available.

Would Paper-Based Testing (PBT) still be an option or would Computer-Based Testing (CBT) be required?

Yes, we are still expecting to offer the PBT tests for school-wide requests when there is a special circumstance that requires it, parent request, or to an individual student whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan requires it as allowed under HB2540.

Are there any updates on AOI schools and remote testing?

There will be no remote testing in Spring 2026, but there are ongoing conversations about this for the Spring 2027 school year. We will readdress this topic in the [May 1st Friday Focus Webinar](#).

If the test vendor continues to be Pearson, will we continue to use the PearsonAccess^{Next} (PAN) test administration platform?

PAN will continue to be the online test management platform for the AZELLA Placement and Reassessment for this school year; as well as for the Spring 2026 Administration of AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT. We will readdress this topic in the [May 1st Friday Focus Webinar](#).



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Will we continue to administer ACT Aspire with the new contract?

ACT Aspire is going away after the Spring 2027 administration when the contract expires. Another assessment may be selected for students in Grade 9 or 10.

Webinar Information

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