

FRIDAY FOCUS- ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW



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AGENDA

Purpose of Summative Assessments

Testing Windows

Request for Proposals

Friday Focus Schedule

Resources

Additional Information

PURPOSE OF SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

To collect data to use for accountability

- ESSA Section 1111
- Systems measure at LEA or school level
- Big picture of programs
- To identify who needs additional support
- Not designed for individual student level data
- Not designed for teacher evaluations

TESTING WINDOWS - ACHIEVEMENT

AASA/AzSCI: April 12-May 7

- **AASA Computer-Based Testing:** Oral Reading Fluency and Writing must be completed by **April 23**. Reading and Math test units must be completed by May 7.
- **AASA Paper-Based Testing:** All test units must be completed by April 23.
- **AzSCI:** All test units must be completed by May 7.
- Reporting by May 26
- Working to get a MOWR report to you by May 15

ACT/ACT Aspire: weeks of March 22 – April 16 (no ACT administration on Mondays)

- **ACT Aspire Paper-Based Testing:** All test units must be completed by April 2.

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW - ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement Assessments

Assessment	Grade(s)	Test Windows	
AASA (ELA and Math) */^/**/****/****	Grades 3-8	Computer-Based Testing: Grades 3-8 Writing and Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency: April 12-23, 2027 Grades 3-8 Reading and Math: April 12 - May 7, 2027	Paper-Based Testing (All Test Units): April 12-23, 2027
AzSCI (Science) ****	Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2028)	Computer-Based Testing and Special Paper Version Tests: April 12 - May 7, 2027	
ACT Aspire ***/*	Grade 9 (Cohort 2030)	Computer-Based Testing: March 22 - April 16, 2027	Paper-Based Testing (including Special Paper Version): March 22 - April 2, 2027
ACT (with Writing) */**/****/****	Grade 11 (Cohort 2028)	Test Window 1: Paper (Standard): March 23, 2027 Paper (Accommodations): March 23-26, March 29-31, April 1-2, 2027 Online: March 23-26, March 29-31, April 1-2, 2027	Test Window 2: Paper (Standard): April 6, 2027 Paper (Accommodations): April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027 Online: April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2026/04/Assessments%20Overview%202026-2027.pdf>

TESTING WINDOWS - ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS

AZELLA Placement/Screeners: July 20 – May 14

AZELLA Reassessment/Summative: February 1 – March 19

Alt ELPA Screener: August 3 – May 7

Alt ELPA Summative: February 1 – March 19

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW - ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English Language Proficiency Assessment

Assessment	Grade(s)	Test Windows
AZELLA Placement - Dynamic Screener **/***	Grades K-12	July 20, 2026 - May 14, 2027
Spring AZELLA Reassessment - Summative **/***	Grades K-12	February 1 - March 19, 2027
Alt ELPA Screener **/***	Eligible students in Grades K-12	August 3, 2026 - May 7, 2027
Alt ELPA Summative **/***	Eligible students in Grades K-12	February 1 - March 19, 2027

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TESTING WINDOWS - MSAA

To be determined

Contract has not yet been awarded

Hope to have this window confirmed in October

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW - ALTERNATE

Alternate Assessment

Assessment	Grade(s)	Test Windows
MSAA – ELA and Math */***/****	Eligible students in Grades 3 - 8 and 11	Test Window Coming Soon
MSAA – Science ****	Eligible students in Grades 5, 8, and 11	Test Window Coming Soon

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AZELLA

- awarded in April

MSAA

- Closed July 15
- Pending recommendation to State Board
- Plan to request State Board approval in September
- For Spring 2027 administration

Achievement High School

- Closed July 28
- Pending recommendation to State Board
- Plan to request State Board approval this fall
- For Spring 2028 administration

Achievement 3-8 (AASA and AzSCI)

- Currently posted
- Closes September 1
- For Spring 2028 administration

FRIDAY FOCUS SCHEDULE

Last week: Navvy

Today: Assessments Overview for the 2026-2027 School Year

August 28: Accessibility for AZELLA Assessments

September 11: Using AZELLA Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)

September 18: Accessibility for the Achievement Assessments

September 25: Using AASA and AzSCI Reports

October 2: Alternate Assessment Eligibility

October 16: AASA Math – How the Standards and Assessment Go Together

October 23: Using ACT Reports

October 30: Accessibility for Alternate Assessments

November 6: 2026-2027 Letter Grades, Appeals, and Accountability Updates

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/statewide-assessments-webinars>

FRIDAY FOCUS SCHEDULE, CONT.

November 13: AASA ELA – How the Standards and Assessment Go Together

December 4: ADEL – the Arizona Digital Educators Library

December 11: 1% Threshold for Alternate Assessments

January 8: AzSCI – How the Standards and Assessment Go Together

January 15: Reducing Achievement Test Irregularities

January 22: Using AZELLA Reports

January 29: Indicator Scoring and Accountability Updates

February 5: Introduction to NAEP

February 12: Using MSAA Reports

February 19: Grade 3 – Move on When Reading (MOWR)

May 7: Looking Ahead to 2027-2028

CONFERENCES

No Assessments Conference this year

Planning a multi-unit conference June 29 – July 1, 2027

- Arizona Excellence in Education (AE2) Conference
- Location: Arizona Grand Resort

More information coming soon!

COMING SOON!

Updated Assessments Overview

Detailed Testing Calendars

Assessments Flyer

Assessment Infographic



NAVVY

Formative assessment tool

Aligned to Arizona Standards

Contract executed

Statewide ELA and Math for all grades

More information:

<https://az-support.mypearsonsupport.com/navvy/>

To sign up:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/eead3118243148bf8cf35e358deba770>

REMOTE PROCTORING

Not yet available

Next update May 2027

QUESTIONS?

