



Assessments Achievement

2026-2027 Additional Accommodations Quick Guide for Arizona's Statewide Achievement Tests: AASA, AzSCI, and ACT Aspire

Additional Accommodation requests for AASA (Grades 3-8), AzSCI (Grades 5, 8, and 11/Cohort 2028), and ACT Aspire (Grade 9/Cohort 2030) for the 2026-2027 school year must be submitted to ADE for approval **September 14, 2026 – February 5, 2027**, using the secure ADE online form: <https://www.azed.gov/form/achievement-aa-fy27>. Students with significant cognitive disabilities whose current Individualized Education Program (IEP) designates them as eligible for the alternate assessment, MSAA, should not be administered the statewide achievement assessments, including AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT.

The Additional Accommodations requested **should not** include Universal Test Administration Conditions, Universal Tools, or other accommodations identified as allowable in the [Achievement Assessments Accommodations Manual](#).

The following requests for a student with a current IEP or 504 Plan must be submitted for review and approval.

- AASA or AzSCI American Sign Language (ASL) test form
- ACT Aspire ASL: Full Translation (requires a one-to-one test administration and a paper test to be administered during the shorter ACT Aspire Paper-Based Testing [window](#))
 - A request does not need to be submitted for ACT Aspire ASL: Directions Only.
- AASA, AzSCI, or ACT Aspire Computer-Based Test in a Paper-Based Testing school
- AASA, AzSCI, or ACT Aspire accommodations required due to a student injury, medical condition, or visual impairment as described in the [Achievement Assessments Accommodations Manual](#)
- Additional accommodations or assistive technology needed by a student during testing that are not included in the [Achievement Assessments Accommodations Manual](#)
- ACT Aspire Speech to Text (requires a one-to-one test administration and a paper test administration during the shorter ACT Aspire Paper-Based Testing [window](#))
 - **Speech-to-Text is not permitted on AASA or AzSCI tests.**

If instructional and assessment accommodations in the student's IEP or 504 Plan are updated during the current school year after the initial submission, a new request with the updated IEP or 504 Plan must be submitted.



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Submitting Additional Accommodation Requests to ADE

- We recommend submitting requests early in the school year and as soon as IEPs or 504 Plans are completed. This will allow time for ADE's review and for additional documentation to be submitted, as needed.
- Requests may be submitted by the Achievement District Test Coordinator (DTC) or by any staff member who is responsible for the student's IEP or 504 Plan. If requests are submitted by another school or district staff member, the DTC will be copied on all accommodation communications from ADE's Achievement Assessments team.
- On the secure form, submit pages of the student's current IEP or 504 Plan that indicate the need for the Additional Accommodations. The submitted document should include:
 - The date of the document and the student's first and last name and SSID.
 - The Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP).
 - The Instructional Accommodations section of the document, including accommodations used routinely during instruction throughout the year. The instructional accommodations **must** align with the testing accommodations.
 - The Assessment Accommodations section of the document, including the student's testing accommodations for district and state assessments.

AASA and AzSCI Additional Information

For the 2026-2027 school year, ADE will create the ASL test sessions in PearsonAccess^{next} for any student(s) with an approved ASL test accommodation for the AASA and AzSCI assessments and will move the student(s) into the ASL test sessions prior to testing.

ADE will also create online test sessions for students who have been approved to take the Computer-Based Test in a Paper-Based Testing school.

ACT Accommodations

Accommodation requests for ACT (Grade 11/Cohort 2028) are to be submitted directly to ACT using ACT's processes and are not to be submitted to ADE directly. More information regarding accommodation requests for ACT can be found on the ACT-hosted website for Arizona under [Step 3: Accommodations](#).