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2026-2027 Special Paper Version Quick Guide for Arizona's Statewide Achievement Tests: AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT

Special Paper Version (SPV) test 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**. SPV test accommodations include braille, large print, and regular print paper tests.

ACT accommodations requests for Grade 11/Cohort 2028 students are to be submitted directly to ACT for approval in ACT's Test Accessibility and Accommodations (TAA) system. If an AzSCI SPV test is requested for a Cohort 2028 student, the submitter will need to verify to ADE's Assessments Team on the SPV request form if the student also requires the SPV test for ACT for tracking purposes.

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. SPV test requests should not be submitted for students who take MSAA.

Submitting Special Paper Version Test 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.
- Submit the SPV request for each qualifying student using the secure ADE online form: <https://www.azed.gov/form/spv2027>.
- SPV test 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 SPV communications from ADE's Achievement Assessments team.
- For **Braille** test requests, the student's IEP or 504 Plan must document the need for braille materials for instruction and assessment. A Braille Test Kit will include directions for administering the braille assessment.



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- For **Large Print** test requests, the student's IEP or 504 Plan must document the need for large print materials for instruction and assessment.
 - The large print test is an enlarged version of the regular print paper test. The amount of text and images per page is the same as the regular print test but in a larger font size.
 - The font size for the large print test booklets is 18 pt. on paper sized 14"x18".
 - Unless a student regularly has reading and math instructional materials enlarged, the student may benefit from using the Zoom feature in the online test instead. The Zoom feature can be tried out in the [sample tests](#).
- For **Regular Print Paper** test requests, for a student who cannot access the computer for classroom work due to injury, medical condition, or visual impairment, the student's IEP or 504 Plan must clearly indicate how teachers accommodate the student's needs in class and the restrictions the student has when using technology.
 - Examples include no more than xx minutes of screen time per day, must have a significant break after xx minutes, no computer usage at all, etc.
- Within the secure SPV request form, you must submit pages of the student's current IEP or 504 Plan that indicate the need for an SPV form of the test. The document you submit must include:
 - The date of the document and the student's first and last name and state identification number (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 in lieu of computer instruction. 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.
- For **Regular Print Paper** test requests submitted due to **parent request**, submit documentation of the parent request within the SPV request form.
- Subject to available inventory, SPV tests may not be available for requests submitted after **February 5, 2027**. Contact us at AASA@azed.gov, AzSCI@azed.gov, or Testing@azed.gov if a student has an injury, illness, new IEP or 504 Plan, or new parent request after February 5, 2027, that necessitates a paper test.



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AASA and AzSCI Special Paper Version Tests

For the 2026-2027 school year, ADE will create the SPV test sessions in PearsonAccess^{next} for any student(s) with an approved SPV test for the **AASA and/or AzSCI assessments** and will move the student(s) into the SPV test sessions prior to testing. SPV test sessions should not be edited in PearsonAccess^{next} by the school or district/charter. If updates are needed to a student's SPV test sessions, contact ADE for assistance. ADE will place an order for any approved AASA and/or AzSCI SPV tests at the beginning of the Additional Order Window.

AASA and AzSCI SPV tests require a Test Administrator who has been trained and who has signed a test security agreement to transfer all student responses into TestNav by the end of the applicable test window. **Responses not transferred into TestNav by the end of the applicable test window will not be scored.**

ACT Aspire Special Paper Version Tests

ACT Aspire SPV tests must be administered during the ACT Aspire **paper-based testing window** for both computer-based testing schools and paper-based testing schools. Braille and large print test responses must be transcribed to a standard print answer document by a Test Administrator who has been trained and who has signed a test security agreement. The standard print answer documents must be returned as **scorable** materials at the end of the **paper-based testing window** to be scored. The braille or large print test materials will be returned as **nonscorable** materials, also at the end of the paper-based testing window.

ACT Special Paper Version Tests

A student who requires an ACT regular print paper test but does not need any other ACT accommodations, such as extended testing time, **must** test on one of the Paper (Standard) test dates. There is only one Paper (Standard) test date in each ACT test window. Students who test on paper with ACT-approved accommodations, such as extended testing time, may test on any of the Paper (Accommodations) test dates. Refer to the [Assessments Overview](#) for the Spring 2027 test windows.

ADE's Assessment Accessibility Webpage:

<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>