



ASSESSMENTS

Detailed Testing Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) Statewide Assessment for ELA and Math, Grades 3-8

AASA – Computer-Based Testing and Paper-Based Testing Windows (including Special Paper Version tests)

Content Area	Grade(s)	Number of Test Units	Estimated Times	Computer-Based Testing Schools	Paper-Based Testing Schools
ELA Writing	Grades 3-8	1	60-90 minutes	April 12-23, 2027	April 12-23, 2027
ELA Oral Reading Fluency	Grade 3	1	30 minutes	April 12-23, 2027	April 12-23, 2027
ELA Reading	Grades 3-8	2	45-75 minutes each	April 12-May 7, 2027	April 12-23, 2027
Math	Grades 3-8	2	60-85 minutes each	April 12-May 7, 2027	April 12-23, 2027

AASA General Information

- AASA Writing, Reading, and Math test units are untimed. The Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency passages are timed.
- For grade 3, ELA includes one Writing, one Oral Reading Fluency, and two Reading test units. For grades 4-8, ELA includes one Writing and two Reading test units. Students must receive a valid score on each ELA test unit to receive an ELA score. To receive a valid score, students must respond to at least one question in each test unit.
- To have a valid attempt for the Writing test unit, the student must type at least one word into the response box of the online test or must write at least one word on the pages labeled “Final Copy” on the paper test booklet. To have a valid attempt for the Oral Reading Fluency test unit, the student must record at least one word for at least one of the passages.
- Math includes two test units. Students must receive a valid score on both Math test units to receive a Math score. To receive a valid score, students must respond to at least one item in each test unit.
- All Computer-Based Testing and Paper-Based Testing schools will administer the Grade 3 ELA Oral Reading Fluency test unit online in TestNav in small groups or individually. A maximum of six students may be present in the secure testing classroom or computer lab environment, simultaneously testing.
- Writing must be administered on a separate day than Reading, Oral Reading Fluency, and Math test units.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS (cont.)

AASA General Information (cont.)

- Reading and Math test units can be administered in any order, but no more than two test units plus the Oral Reading Fluency unit can be administered on a single day.
- When two test units are administered in a single day, a significant break of at least 15 minutes must be given between test units. Test units must be completed on the day the unit is started. Do not start a test unit unless there is sufficient time to complete the test unit by the end of the regularly scheduled school day.
- For Computer-Based Testing, students taking the same test within the same school are not required to test on the same day.
- For Paper-Based Testing, students taking the same test within the same school must test on the same day.
- Once a student answers a question in a test unit and submits their test, it is considered a valid attempt.
- Students may not return to a previous test unit once they have moved on to the next unit.
- If a student leaves the testing environment without finishing their test unit, it is considered a valid attempt. During the test unit, students may only leave the room for a restroom break, visit to the nurse's office, or for emergency purposes. Students may have lunch brought to them, if necessary.
- Group or class stretch breaks are not allowed.
- All student responses from approved braille, large print, or regular print Special Paper Version tests must be transferred into TestNav by the end of the applicable test window by a Test Administrator who has completed required training and signed a current year Test Security Agreement. Requests for Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval **September 14, 2026 – February 5, 2027**.
- Per Arizona state policy, test windows will not be extended.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS (cont.)

AzSCI – Statewide Assessment for Science Grades 5, 8, and 11th grade Cohort

AzSCI Computer-Based Testing (including Special Paper Version tests)				
Content Area	Grade(s)	Number of Test Units	Estimated Times	Test Window
Science	Grades 5, 8, and 11 th Grade Cohort (Cohort 2028)	3	60-90 minutes each	April 12-May 7, 2027

AzSCI General Information

- AzSCI is a grade band assessment. Students in Grade 5 will be tested on the Science Standards from Grades 3-5, while Grade 8 students will be tested on Science Standards from Grades 6-8. The high school assessment covers the Science Standards in physical science, earth and space science, and life science.
- AzSCI test units are untimed.
- AzSCI includes three test units. Students must receive a valid score on each AzSCI test unit to receive an AzSCI score. To receive a valid score, students must respond to at least one question in each test unit.
- High school students in the 11th grade cohort (Cohort 2028) will participate in AzSCI testing regardless of actual grade level, courses completed, or courses enrolled in. Student cohorts should be verified in AzEDS.
- When two or more test units are administered in a single day, a significant break of at least 15 minutes must be given between test units. Test units must be completed on the day the unit is started. Do not start a test unit unless there is sufficient time to complete the test unit by the end of the regularly scheduled school day.
- Once a student answers a question in a test unit and submits their test, it is considered a valid attempt.
- Students may not return to a previous test unit once they have moved on to the next unit.
- If a student leaves the testing environment without finishing their test unit, it is considered a valid attempt. During the test unit, students may only leave the room for a restroom break, visit to the nurse's office, or for emergency purposes. Students may have lunch brought to them, if necessary.
- Group or class stretch breaks are not allowed.
- All student responses from approved braille, large print, or regular print Special Paper Version tests must be transferred into TestNav by the end of the test window by a Test Administrator who has completed required training and signed a current year Test Security Agreement. Requests for Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval **September 14, 2026 – February 5, 2027**.
- All AzSCI paper tests are administered as Special Paper Version tests, including regular print tests in Paper-Based Testing schools. Schools approved in Fall 2026 for AzSCI Paper-Based Testing in the entire school only need to submit Special Paper Version requests for braille or large print tests.
- Per Arizona state policy, test windows will not be extended.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS (cont.)

ACT Aspire – Statewide High School Assessment 9th Grade Cohort

ACT Aspire		
Grade	Computer-Based Test Window	Paper-Based Test Window (including all Special Paper Version tests)
9 th Grade Cohort (Cohort 2030)	March 22-April 16, 2027	March 22-April 2, 2027

ACT Aspire Content Sections and Allotted Times (in minutes)				
English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing
45	75	65	60	40

ACT Aspire General Information

- ACT Aspire test sections are timed. Allotted times shown above are for standard-time testing. Refer to the ACT Aspire Test Coordinator's Manual, ACT Aspire Room Supervisor Manuals, and ACT Aspire Accessibility Supports Guide for details about testing with extended test time for students who qualify for this accommodation.
- ACT Aspire test sections may be administered in any order.
- ACT Aspire testing may be completed all in one day, or test sections may be administered on different days. Each test section must be completed on the day it is started within the allotted time.
- High school students in the 9th grade cohort (Cohort 2030) will participate in ACT Aspire testing regardless of actual grade level, courses completed, or courses enrolled in. Student cohorts should be verified in AzEDS.
- All ACT Aspire Special Paper Version tests (braille, large print, or regular print) must be administered within the Paper-Based Testing window, including those administered in Computer-Based Testing schools.
- Special Paper Version test responses from Braille or large print tests must be transferred to a standard answer document by a Test Administrator who has completed required training and signed a current year Test Security Agreement and returned for scoring at the end of the Paper-Based Testing window. Requests for Special Paper Version tests must be submitted to ADE for review and approval **September 14, 2026 - February 5, 2027**.
- Per Arizona state policy, test windows will not be extended.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS (cont.)

ACT – Statewide High School Assessment 11th Grade Cohort

ACT		
Grade	Test Window 1	Test Window 2
11 th Grade Cohort (Cohort 2028)	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	Paper (Standard): April 6, 2027 Paper (Accommodations): April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027 Online: April 6-9 & April 12-16, 2027

Schools may utilize both ACT test windows in order to assess all Cohort 2028 students. Schools are encouraged to administer ACT during the first test window and may also use the second test window, as needed, to complete any makeup testing. Any schools that choose to administer ACT during only the second test window will not have an additional ACT test window to use for makeup testing.

Computer-Based Testing schools may use any of the online test days to complete online testing and testing with ACT-approved accommodations. Paper-Based Testing schools must administer standard-time paper tests on the designated paper test dates but may use the additional online test dates for online makeup testing. Standard-time paper tests may only be administered on the designated paper testing dates.

Test Coordinators will select the ACT test window **for each school** in the district or charter in ACT's PearsonAccess^{next} system in **November 2026**.

ACT Content Sections and Allotted Times (in minutes)				
Test 1: English	Test 2: Math	Test 3: Reading	Test 4: Science	Test 5: Writing
35	50	40	40	40

ACT General Information

- ACT test sections are timed. Allotted times shown above are for standard-time testing. Extended-time accommodations must be approved by ACT.
- The Science and Writing test sections **are** included as part of the statewide ACT test administration.
- ACT test sections must be administered in the following order: Test 1 – **English** (first), Test 2 – **Math** (second), Test 3 – **Reading** (third), Test 4 – **Science** (fourth), and Test 5 – **Writing** (last).
- ACT is providing schedule flexibility to administer Science and Writing following an extended break or on a second day of testing. The detailed Schedule Flexibility Policy must be strictly followed.
- High school students in the 11th grade cohort (Cohort 2028) will participate in ACT testing regardless of actual grade level, courses completed, or courses enrolled in. Student cohorts should be verified in AzEDS.
- The ACT test windows are two distinct test windows. Any students with approved accommodations for testing over multiple days and any students utilizing ACT's [Schedule Flexibility Policy](#) must complete testing within the same test window in which they begin testing.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

AZELLA

School Year 2026-2027 AZELLA Placement – Dynamic Screener Test Window	Spring 2027 AZELLA Reassessment – Summative Test Window	Grade Levels Tested
July 20, 2026 – May 14, 2027	February 1 – March 19, 2027	Eligible students in Grades K-12

Alt ELPA

Alt ELPA Screener Test Window	Alt ELPA Summative Test Window	Grade Levels Tested
August 3, 2026 – May 7, 2027	February 1 – March 19, 2027	Eligible students in Grades K-12

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

MSAA (Multi-State Alternate Assessment)

Content Area(s)	Test Window	Grade Levels Tested
ELA, Math, and Science	To Be Determined	Eligible students in Grades 3-8 and 11

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

Content Area(s)	Test Window	Grade Levels Tested
NAEP – Science Pilot	Selected schools will be notified of specific test window and students to be tested	Grades 8