

FRIDAY FOCUS - LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026-2027



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FORMATIVE, BENCHMARK, INTERIM, AND SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Formative

- Daily
- Standards level
- Lesson planning or interventions

Benchmark and Interim

- End of Instructional Unit or Quarter
- Multiple standards
- Growth or program effectiveness

Summative*

- End of course or year
- Cluster or domain
- Decision-making at school, LEA, or state level

AGENDA

Achievement

AZELLA

Alternate Assessments

Test Security Agreement Portal

Navvy

Friday Focus

ACHIEVEMENT

No changes to the assessments (AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, ACT) – will continue to use PearsonAccess^{next} and TestNav in Spring 2027

RFP to post this spring – implemented for the 2027-2028 school year

Pending legislation to possibly change the testing window – HB2032

No remote proctoring for Spring 2027. The legislation including a funding requirement that has not been met yet.

AZELLA

New contract pending for 2026-2027 school year

Includes Placement and Reassessment

Cannot confirm testing window yet

More information is coming soon!

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

MSAA

- New contract for 2026-2027
- Testing windows are tentative
- Anticipate no changes to the assessment

Alt ELPA

- No changes for 2026-2027
- Looking to extend the screener window to align with AZELLA Placement closing

TEST SECURITY AGREEMENT PORTAL

Must be submitted annually

New process this year

- On ADEConnect
- Increased efficiency

Not rolled out yet. More information coming soon!

NAVVY

Free!

Contract finalized for the 2026-2027 school year

ELA and mathematics formative assessments

Link to sign up will be available soon!

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

Also, benchmarks will be required for school improvement schools (same as 2025-2026)

FRIDAY FOCUS

Increased Friday Focus topics to provide information throughout the school year.
Friday Focus webinars are recorded and posted.

No assessments conference in 2026

Will be combining conferences

- Team-based
- Covering topics to support school leaders, standards, assessment, accountability, and school improvement
- Summer 2027

REMINDER - TESTING WINDOWS ARE TENTATIVE!

Due to contract implementation: AZELLA Placement, AZELLA Reassessment, MSAA

Due to HB2032: AASA, AzSCI

Due to alignment based on other windows: Alt ELPA Screener and Summative, ACT Aspire

Confirmed – not likely to change: ACT

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

COMING SOON!

Look for another Friday Focus webinar coming soon:

- AZELLA information when contract is awarded
- Testing window confirmations
- Test Security Agreement Portal

Look for the Friday Focus webinar series for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

QUESTIONS?

