



**Assessment Updates: Special Education
Director Check-In
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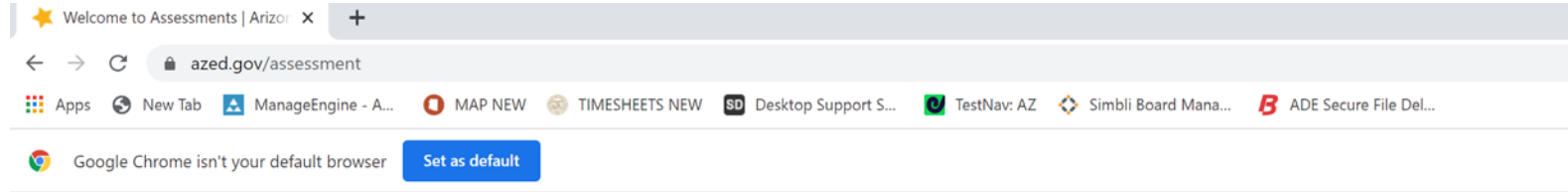
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ADE's New Website

The screenshot displays the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) website. At the top, the browser address bar shows 'azed.gov'. The website header includes the ADE logo and navigation links: 'Students & Families', 'Educators', 'Administrators', 'Programs & Supports', 'About ADE', and 'ADEConnect'. A search icon is also present. A dropdown menu is open under 'Educators', listing: 'Academic Standards', 'Assessment', 'Career & Technical Education', 'Certification & Career', 'Post-Secondary & ECAP', 'Public Educator Search', 'Support & Improvement Resources', and 'Training & Professional Development'. The main content area features a large image of a teacher and student with the text 'COVID-19 Support & Resources'. Below this are three prominent buttons: 'Explore Certification & Career' (with a red icon), 'Review Academic Standards' (with a blue icon), and 'Search Arizona's Schools' (with a yellow schoolhouse icon).

Assessment Unit Webpage



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Welcome to Assessments

The Assessment Section is responsible for statewide assessment of students enrolled in Arizona public schools. The section works closely with educators in the development and administration of our assessments. All Arizona public schools, including district schools and charter schools, are required to properly administer state and federally mandated assessments.

Updates for Statewide Testing

- [AIMS and AIMS A Science Update - 8-24-2020](#)
- [Detailed Assessment Testing Calendar 2020-2021- updated 9-4-2020](#)
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State Assessments

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS	ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS	AZELLA	NAEP
AzM2	MSAA	AZELLA	NAEP
AzSCI	AIMS A Science	EL/Special Ed Taskforce	International

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Contact

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2019-2020 Test Administration Status

Test	Status	Results/Accountability
AzM2 (ELA and Mathematics)	Did not administer	None
AIMS Science	Did not administer	None
MSAA (ELA and Mathematics)	Did not administer	None
AIMS A Science	Administered	None
AZELLA Reassessment	Administered	None

Official Assessment and Accountability Waiver Documentation

ADE Waiver Request letter:

<https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5e84fcd403e2b318984cc803>

USDOE Waiver Response letter:

<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/media/AZ%20Covid19%20WaiverResponse.pdf>

State Board of Education's 5 - Year Plan

5-Year Assessment Plan Short Term: The Next Two Years

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Elementary Statewide Assessment	<u>AzMERIT</u>	AzM2 (Name Change)	AzM2 (Name Change) <i>Embedded Field Test New Assessment</i>
High School Statewide Assessment	<u>AzMERIT</u> Grades 9-11	ALL Students Take: AzM2 (Name Change) Grade 10	ALL Students Take: AzM2 (Name Change) Grade 10 <i>Embedded Field Test New Assessment</i>
	<u>OR</u> LEAs may select instead of the statewide assessment	LEAs MAY administer one of the below in addition to the statewide assessment	
High School Option "Menu"	ACT SAT	Menu Assessments (ACT, Cambridge, Pearson)	Menu Assessments (ACT, Cambridge, Pearson and TBD Based on RFP)

State Board of Education's 5 - Year Plan cont.

5-Year Assessment Plan Long Term: The "Vision" Year and Beyond

2021-2022	
Elementary Statewide Assessment	New Single Statewide Assessment
High School Statewide Assessment	Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9 th or 10 th Grade and 11 th Grade
	<u>OR</u> LEAs may administer the below instead of the statewide assessment (dependent on factors listed in subsequent slide)
High School Option "Menu" <i>Dependent on factors listed in subsequent slide</i>	Different Nationally Recognized College Entrance Assessment Administered in 9 th or 10 th Grade and 11 th Grade

Where we are today

- **Arizona's Board of Education (August 21, 2020) decided to utilize authority allowed in waiver response for AIMS and AIM A Science**
- **Field tests for AzSCI, Science Alternate Assessment, and the new AZELLA Reassessment will have all eligible students participate. These tests will be shortened versions (of typical operational length)**
- **The current AZELLA Reassessment Test and AzM2 will be shortened as well as all embedded field test items have been removed from the 2020-2021 tests**

State and Federal Accountability

State School Letter Grades (A - F) are mandated by State Law

There are no State Waivers from Accountability. It requires State Legislative action

For the 2019-2020 school year schools will keep their letter grades from 2018-2019. For TSI/CSI there will be no new identification and no exiting from these supports

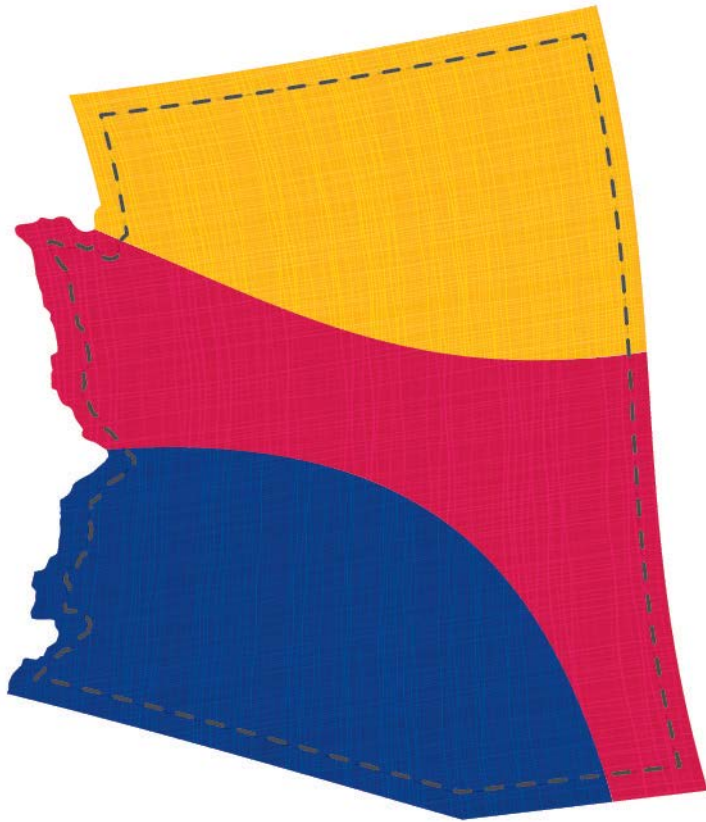
ADE has not requested any Federal Accountability Waivers at this time

Accountability Team working with State Board of Education, the ATAC, AOI-TAC, and the AATC looking into the impact of COVID on all of the variables and components of A-F

Grader Newsletter email: Achieve@azed.gov

New Statewide ELA and Mathematics Assessments Grades 3 - 8 and HS

Grades 3 - 8 Assessment



**Arizona's Academic Standards
Assessment**

High School Assessment



ACT and ACT Aspire (Grade 9)

Assessment Overview 2020 and Beyond



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Assessments Overview - 2020 and Beyond

	2020-2021 School Year	
	Required	Optional
AzM2*/^/****	Grades 3-8 and 10 (Cohort 2023) Computer-Based Test Window: April 5 – 30, 2021 (Writing must be completed by April 16) Paper-Based Test Window: April 5 – 14, 2021 (Writing must be scheduled for April 5 or 6)	
AzSCI	Census Field Test for Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2022) Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards Computer-Based Test Window: March 22 – April 30, 2021	
ACT****		Menu of Assessments Fall 2020 – Grade 12 (Cohort 2021) Test Dates: September 22, October 6, October 20, 2020 Spring 2021 – Grade 11 (Cohort 2022) Test Dates: March 2 and April 6, 2021
SAT****		Menu of Assessments Spring 2021 – Grade 11 (Cohort 2022) Test Dates: March 3 and March 24, 2021
AZELLA Placement**/****	KPT & Stages II – V Assessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards Test Window: Two weeks before the start of school through May 14, 2021	
AZELLA Reassessment**/****	Stages I – V Reassessment Aligned to the 2010 ELP Standards Test Window: February 1 – March 19, 2021 Stand-Alone Field Test - New Design aligned to the 2019 ELP Standards and New Grade Configuration K, 1 st , 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 Test Window: February 1 – April 2, 2021	
MSAA ELA and Mathematics*/^^	Grades 3-8 and 11 Test Window: March 15 – April 30, 2021	
Science Alternate Assessment (SAA)	Census Field Test for Grades 5, 8, and 11 Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards Test Window: March 15 – April 30, 2021	
NAEP	Selected School Sample Digital Only; Reading and Math Grades 4 and 8 Test Window: January 25 – March 19, 2021	

*Used in Federal Accountability – Participation (95% Tested) and Proficiency

^Used in Federal Accountability – Growth (K-8)

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- The State Board has not made final determinations for the accountability system regarding COVID-19 impacts.
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Assessment Overview for School Year 2021-2022



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	2021-2022 School Year and Beyond (Test Windows To Be Determined)	
	Required	Optional
Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)*/*/*/*	Grades 3-8	
ACT*/*	Grade 11 (Cohort 2023)	
AzSci****	Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Cohort 2023) Aligned to the 2018 Arizona Science Standards	
Grade 9 Assessment (ACT Aspire)	Grade 9 (Cohort 2025)	
SAT*/*		Menu of Assessments Grade 11 (Cohort 2023) SAT may be selected from the Menu of Assessments in lieu of ACT
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NOTE: The asterisk distinctions are subject to change based on State Board determinations regarding the State Accountability System

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