



Arizona State Board of Education High School Menu of Assessments: Technical Assistance

The Board, in consultation with the Arizona Department of Education and with the input of the field, created this technical assistance document to provide schools and assessment providers with guidance on how to administer an assessment selected from the Menu of Assessments for the 2021-2022 school year.

LEAs may administer the PSAT to their 9th grade cohort and SAT to their 11th grade cohort in lieu of ACT Aspire for their 9th grade cohort and ACT for their 11th grade cohort. Regardless, all students are required to take the statewide science assessment, AzSCI.

<u>Technical Assistance for Assessment Providers</u>
1. Pursuant to ARS 15-741.02(E)(3), in order to demonstrate scalability for state accountability programs, vendors shall provide cut scores that reflect four levels of performance. Cut scores will determine if a student is college and career ready as outlined in the academic standards adopted by the State Board of Education
2. Student identifying numbers (SSIDs) shall be attached to test records
3. Scores shall be delivered in a secure file transfer to the Arizona Department of Education in a format that is useable and easily accessible as determined by the Department
4. Vendors shall notify the school of the earliest practicable date to return scores and shall make every effort to return scores to local education agencies (LEAs) in a timely manner
5. If an LEA requests, Vendors shall provide assessments in a paper-based format
<u>Technical Assistance for the Field</u>
6. LEAs shall administer the assessment to all students in the LEA in the 11 th grade cohort. Cohort, as defined by ADE and used in other policies, is based on the first year of high school enrollment.
7. Similar to the current process for assessments, the appropriate personnel at local education agencies shall sign test security agreements
8. The procedures for assessing students under MSAA, AZELLA and AzSCI remain the same
9. Assessment administration shall be at the school site