



# Arizona State Board of Education

## MENU OF ASSESSMENTS POLICY (A.R.S. 15-741.02)

### A. Definitions.

In this Section, the following definitions apply:

1. "Board" means the Arizona State Board of Education.
2. "Department" means the Arizona Department of Education.
3. "Menu of Assessments" means a list of locally procured, nationally recognized high school assessments that may be selected by a local education agency to meet the requirements prescribed in A.R.S. § 15-741.02.
4. "Nationally recognized high school assessment" means an assessment that is accepted by universities for the purposes of awarding college credit or admissions.

### B. Procedures.

1. The Board shall establish and maintain a Menu of Assessments for high school testing to measure pupil achievement of Arizona's academic standards that includes nationally recognized high school assessments which meet the requirements of this policy as set forth below.
2. The Board, in cooperation with the Department, shall annually evaluate locally procured assessments for consideration of their inclusion on the Menu of Assessments and shall notify local education agencies by May 1 of the results of the evaluation.
3. An assessment may be considered for inclusion on the Menu of Assessments upon a showing by the assessment provider the following criteria have been met through a narrative explanation:
  - a. Provides evidence that the assessment is a high-quality assessment;
  - b. Demonstrates that the assessment meets or exceeds the level of rigor of the Board's adopted academic standards; and
  - c. Demonstrates that the assessment scores can be scaled for state accountability programs.
4. Providers shall submit an evaluation from an independent third party approved by the Board that shows the assessment meets the requirements prescribed in paragraph B(4). All costs of the independent third-party evaluators shall be paid by the assessment provider.

5. If a third-party evaluation establishes that the proposed assessment sufficiently meets the criteria, the Department shall submit the proposed assessment to the Secretary of Education in accordance with the requirements for peer review under section 1111(a)(4) of ESSA demonstrating that any such assessment meets the requirements of section 1111(b)(2)(B) of ESSA.
6. If a third-party evaluation establishes that the proposed assessment sufficiently meets the criteria, the Board shall consider the assessment for approval.
7. Upon Board approval, a proposed assessment shall be included on the Menu of Assessments.
8. Prior to administering an assessment pursuant to this policy, a local education agency shall submit annual notification to the Board and the Department by July
  1. The local education agency shall submit the notification through the notification portal on the Department's Website. The notification shall:
    - a. Indicate the assessment the local education agency will administer in the upcoming school year pursuant to this policy;
    - b. Indicate when the assessment provider expects to provide assessment scores to the local education agency. If the assessment provider has not informed the local education agency of when assessment scores are expected to be provided, the assessment provider shall notify the local education agency and the Department as soon as practicable;
    - c. Attest that the superintendent or designee of the local education agency reviewed A.R.S. 15-741.02, the Menu of Assessments Policy and the Technical Assistance Documents; and
    - d. Be signed by the superintendent or designee of the local education agency.
9. Local education agencies that adopt a locally procured assessment pursuant to this policy shall provide the necessary reasonable accommodations for a student who is an English language learner and the necessary accommodations and modifications for a student as required by the student's individualized education program team.
10. The assessment provider for any assessment included on the Menu of Assessments shall provide a copy of the assessment scores to the Department when scores are provided to its partnering local education agency and shall notify the local education agency of when the assessment scores are expected to be provided.

12. A local education agency that selects an assessment from the Menu of Assessments pursuant to this policy shall administer the selected assessment at every school in the local education agency.