

2021 STATE TESTING UPDATE & DISTRICT TESTING SCHEDULE

Catalina Foothills School District

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is moving forward with administering all statewide assessments in English language arts and Math (Grades 3-8 and 10), and Science (Grades 5, 8, 11). At this time, there are no waivers for test administration. AzM2 is designed to meet federal and state requirements to measure proficiency of the English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards. The AzSCI Field Test is designed to meet federal and state requirements to identify valid and reliable test items that will measure proficiency of the newly adopted Science Standards.

The ADE requires that all districts administer the state assessments in person during Spring 2021. Similar to past years, CFSD students will take computer-based assessments. There are no provisions to test students remotely. We encourage all of our remote learning families to participate in the statewide assessments so that consistent and accurate information can be communicated about how well your students are achieving the state’s academic standards.

The statewide assessments are **one [common] barometer of learning**. Many of our students have not been in a classroom since March 2020, and it is important to understand what the academic impacts of the pandemic have been, how they differ across schools and student groups, and what supports may be needed during the upcoming 2021-2022 school year to proactively respond to learning gains and losses.

Schools are also gathering information, such as student **well-being, engagement, and conditions for learning**, in addition to **classroom assessment data**, all of which are essential to achieving learning outcomes. The annual state assessments provide another lens on learning, and are consistent and comparable measures to understanding the successes or ongoing challenges of the different learning environments, resource allocation, and interventions that are being implemented this school year.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) acknowledges the challenges that our educational system is facing, and want you to know what they have done to lessen the testing burden while maintaining this opportunity for our students:

- **Reduced** statewide test administration in Science. We will only be administering a Science census field test this year for students in grade 5, 8, and 11 (cohort 2022). The data from the field test will provide important information for future testing, such as test validity.
- **Shortened** the length of AzM2 and AZELLA by removing embedded field test items.
- **Extended** the AzM2, AZELLA Reassessment, and MSAA test windows to allow for schools to bring in smaller groups of students for testing.
- **Postponed** the AZELLA Stand-Alone field test until Fall 2021.

Each school has created plan for test administration and will continue to implement the district’s Mitigation Plan and safety protocols during state testing. Parents/guardians of remote learners who have not yet completed the “COVID-19 Parental Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form”, will need to do so prior to the test administration dates at your student’s school. The districtwide testing schedule is below. Specific details about testing times and procedures will be communicated by the schools.

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2020-2021 TESTING CALENDAR

AzSCI Science (Grades 5, 8, 11)	March 31 - April 28, 2020
AzM2 (Grades 3-8, 10) Writing Reading, Math	April 5 - April 12, 2021 April 6 - April 30, 2021

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

CFSD 2021 SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

SCHOOL	AzSCI (GR 5, GR 8, GR 11)	AzM2 Writing	AzM2 ELA Reading		AzM2 Math	
			Part 1	Part 2	Part 1	Part 2
CANYON VIEW ELEMENTARY	GR 5 - MARCH 31	GR 3, 5 - APRIL 5 GR 4 - APRIL 6	GR 3, 5 - APRIL 7 GR 4 - APRIL 8	GR 3, 5 - APRIL 7 GR 4 - APRIL 8	GR 3, 5 - APRIL 9 GR 4 - APRIL 13	GR 3, 5 - APRIL 9 GR 4 - APRIL 13
MANZANITA ELEMENTARY	GR 5 - APRIL 15	GR 3, 4, 5 - APRIL 6	GR 3, 4, 5 - APRIL 8	GR 3, 4, 5 - APRIL 8	GR 3, 4, 5 - APRIL 13	GR 3, 4, 5 - APRIL 13
SUNRISE DRIVE ELEMENTARY	GR 5 - MARCH 31	GR 3 - APRIL 5 GR 4 - APRIL 9 GR 5 - APRIL 14	GR 3 - APRIL 6 GR 4 - APRIL 12 GR 5 - APRIL 16	GR 3 - APRIL 7 GR 4 - APRIL 13 GR 5 - APRIL 19	GR 3 - APRIL 6 GR 4 - APRIL 12 GR 5 - APRIL 16	GR 3 - APRIL 7 GR 4 - APRIL 13 GR 5 - APRIL 19
VENTANA VISTA ELEMENTARY	GR 5 - APRIL 23	GR 3 - APRIL 7 GR 4 - APRIL 8 GR 5 - APRIL 8	GR 3 - APRIL 14 GR 4 - APRIL 15 GR 5 - APRIL 15	GR 3 - APRIL 21 GR 4 - APRIL 22 GR 5 - APRIL 22	GR 3 - APRIL 14 GR 4 - APRIL 15 GR 5 - APRIL 15	GR 3 - APRIL 21 GR 4 - APRIL 22 GR 5 - APRIL 22
ESPERERO CANYON MIDDLE SCHOOL	GR 8 - APRIL 8	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 15	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 20	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 22	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 27	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 29
ORANGE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL	GR 8 - APRIL 6	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 8	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 13	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 15	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 13	GR 6, 7, 8 - APRIL 15
CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL	GR 11 - APRIL 15	GR 10 - APRIL 6	GR 10 - APRIL 8	GR 10 - APRIL 13	GR 10 - APRIL 8	GR 10 - APRIL 13