

DETAILED ASSESSMENT TESTING CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017

ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

AzMERIT

AzMERIT will be administered to students in Grades 3 through high school in English Language Arts and Mathematics at their grade level. Students taking high school level English Language Arts and Mathematics will take AzMERIT End-of-Course assessments that will test their proficiency in these subjects near the end of the course. Students enrolled in high school level course work that qualify for EOC testing prior to being enrolled in high school are not required to take the grade level test.

For School Year 2016-2017, there will be three AzMERIT testing windows: Summer 2016 EOC, Fall 2016 EOC, and Spring 2017 (grades 3-8 and EOC). Summer 2016 EOC and Fall 2016 EOC will only be available as a Computer-based test. Spring 2017 will be available for both Computer-Based and Paper-Based.

Students should participate in the appropriate AzMERIT EOC test(s) during the semester they are on track to complete, a one credit course aligned to one of the first three years of English credits or one of the first three years of mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

For both Computer-Based and Paper-Based testing:

- Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 must be scheduled in order but do not have to be consecutive days.
- When two test sessions are scheduled on the same day, there must be a break between sessions.
- AzMERIT is untimed. The upper end of the suggested time for a testing session is the estimated time needed for at least 95% of students to complete the session. A test session must be completed by the end of the school day.

AzMERIT CBT TEST WINDOW

Computer-Based Testing	Summer 2016 EOC Testing	Fall 2016 EOC Testing	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8/EOC Testing
	June 13 – July 21, 2016	October 24 – December 2, 2016	March 27 – May 4, 2017
Day 1 (Writing) must be scheduled no later than:	July 7, 2016	November 17, 2016	April 20, 2017
All Writing must be completed (including makeups) by:	July 8, 2016	November 18, 2016	April 21, 2017
Last day of testing Grade 3 (except writing):	N/A	N/A	April 28, 2017
Last day of testing (except writing and Grade 3) must be scheduled no later than:	July 20, 2016	December 1, 2016	May 3, 2017
All Makeup testing (except writing and Grade 3) must be completed no later than:	July 21, 2016	December 2, 2016	May 4, 2017

*Students in the same grade (gr 3-8) or taking the same EOC test within same school are **not required** to test on the same day.*

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AzMERIT PBT TEST WINDOW

Paper-Based Testing	Spring 2017 Grades 3-8/EOC Testing
	March 27 – April 7, 2017
Day 1 (Writing) must be scheduled no later than	March 27 or March 28, 2017
Last day of testing must be scheduled no later than:	April 5, 2017
All Makeup testing must be completed no later than:	April 7, 2017
<i>Students in the same grade (gr 3-8) or taking the same EOC test within same school are required to test on the same day.</i>	

AzMERIT – SUGGESTED TIMES

Grade 3 – 8		
3 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	ELA – Writing	45-90 minutes
Day 2	ELA – Reading, Part 1 Mathematics, Part 1	45-75 minutes 60-85 minutes
Day 3	ELA – Reading, Part 2 Mathematics, Part 2	45-75 minutes 60-85 minutes

English Language Arts (ELA) - End-of-Course (EOC)		
2 or 3 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	ELA – Writing	45-90 minutes
Day 2	ELA – Reading, Part 1	45-75 minutes
Day 2 or Day 3	ELA – Reading, Part 2	45-75 minutes

Mathematics - End-of-Course (EOC)		
1 or 2 Testing Days	Content Areas	Suggested Times
Day 1	Mathematics, Part 1	50-85 minutes
Day 1 or Day 2	Mathematics, Part 2	50-85 minutes

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AIMS SCIENCE

AIMS Science will be administered to students in grades 4, 8, and HS.

Test Window	Level	Approximate Times	Participation Guidance
March 13 to April 21, 2017	Grades 4 and 8	2 hours	
	HS Cohort 2020 (gr. 9) Cohort 2019 (gr. 10) Students may only test on AIMS HS Science once.	2 hours	Students in Cohort 2020 (gr. 9) taking a life science course may test on AIMS HS Science. Students in Cohort 2019 (Gr. 10) test on AIMS HS Science unless they tested the previous year.

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS

AIMS A SCIENCE

Test Window	Grades	Content Areas
February 15 – March 31	4, 8, and 10 only	Science

MSAA (NCSC) MULTI-STATE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

Test Window	Grades	Content Areas
Approximately late March through mid-May specific dates to be determined.	3 – 8 and 11	ELA and Math

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

AZELLA

Placement Testing Window
2 weeks before the start of school through May 19, 2017

Reassessment Testing Window
February 6 – March 24, 2017

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT

NAEP (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS)

Test Window	Content Areas	Grades	Scheduling Guidance
Dates to be determined.	TBD	TBD	At selected schools only.

INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

PIRLS (The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study)

Administered every 5 Years

Next test administration will be 2021.

PISA (PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT)

Administered every 3 Years

Next test administration will be 2018.

TIMSS (TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SURVEY)

Administered every 4 Years

Next test administration will be 2019.