



How Can I Help Students to Succeed on AzMERIT?

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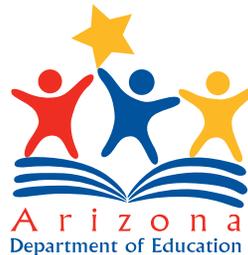
So are we.

That's why we are developing resources to help you stay informed and support student learning.

Visit our website to find resources including:

- Arizona's Academic Standards
- AzMERIT Sample Tests
- Videos explaining the test

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AzMERIT

Arizona's Statewide Achievement Assessment
For English Language Arts and Mathematics

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High School

AzMERIT

is a computer-based test which provides engaging questions and measures critical thinking skills for **college and career readiness**. For schools that are not yet ready, a paper-based version will be available.

AzMERIT is aligned to Arizona's state learning standards which detail the concepts covered in select courses.

The test is designed to measure student mastery of course-specific skills and **readiness for college or career**.

Arizona controls the decision making for all aspects of the tests including test content, scoring, and reporting. Arizona educators are involved in the development of AzMERIT.



What Does AzMERIT mean for students?

AzMERIT replaces AIMS for reading, writing, and math. This means students will no longer take AIMS for these subject areas.

Students will take AzMERIT End-of-Course (EOC) tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math that will test their **proficiency** in these subjects. The ELA tests include a writing portion and a reading portion.

AzMERIT End-of-Course tests are ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, and Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Students take AzMERIT while in the appropriate course.

AzMERIT goes beyond multiple choice questions. This means that the test results provide a **better indicator** of what students have learned during the school year. A passing score on AzMERIT is not required for graduation.

AzMERIT will allow for faster score reporting. However, the initial year's results will be delayed.

Writing The writing portion will require students to read a few passages and then write about them. This type of task requires students to think deeper about topics and use evidence to support their thinking.

Reading The reading portion will be administered in two parts. This will ensure students have ample time to read and answer questions.

The test will also contain editing tasks to measure student awareness of fundamental skills like spelling and grammar.

Math The math portion will be administered in two parts. This will ensure students have ample time to read and answer questions. The test will ask questions that check a student's conceptual understanding of math as well as their procedural skills.

When will students take AzMERIT?

AzMERIT is administered during a testing window in the spring semester. In the future, additional testing dates will be available at other times during the year. Check with your school for testing dates, times, and other specific test administration information.