

## Achievement Assessment Updates for School Year 2019-2020

On April 29, 2019, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted a five-year statewide assessment plan for Arizona public schools. The following assessment updates will assist schools with administering statewide assessments in English language arts (ELA), math, science, and if applicable, an assessment selected from the High School Menu of Assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **AzM2 – Required Testing**

The statewide assessment for ELA and math has been renamed **AzM2**. The assessment vendor and the assessment development process continue to be the same as in previous years, although a greater emphasis has been placed on the inclusion of Arizona-specific items. Students in grades 3-8 and grade 10 (Cohort 2022) must be tested in Spring 2020. All students will participate in their grade level ELA and math assessments only. High school End-of-Course (EOC) testing has been eliminated. There will be no Fall or Summer administration of AzM2.

#### **AzM2 Testing Window**

**Computer-Based Testing:** March 30 – April 24, 2020 (Writing must be completed by April 10, 2020)

**Paper-Based Testing:** March 30 – April 8, 2020 (Writing must be scheduled for March 30 or 31, 2020)

In early July 2019, Arizona Department of Education’s (ADE) Assessment team brought together our vendor (AIR) and a key group of high school educators who have been working with standards and assessment through the development and implementation of the 2010 and 2016 standards to determine what specific content should be assessed on the new high school assessment.

The high school ELA assessment will not change because the ELA 10 EOC test assessed grade 10 content and standards. The final distribution of the content assessed on the AzM2 high school math assessment will be 60% Algebra I and 40% Geometry content. The test will continue to be approximately 50 items/questions and have 5 reporting categories. The new [AzM2 Math Blueprints](#) are available on the [AzM2 Resources](#) page of ADE’s Assessment website.

### **AIMS Science – Required Testing**

The statewide assessment for science must be administered to students in grades 4, 8, and high school. High school students in grade 9 (Cohort 2023) who are enrolled in a life science course may participate. Students in grade 10 (Cohort 2022) who did not participate in the Spring 2019 administration of AIMS Science must be tested in the Spring 2020 administration. AIMS Science is a computer-based assessment.

**AIMS Science Testing Window:** March 23 – April 17, 2020

### **Menu of Assessments – Optional Testing**

The deadline for local education agencies to select an assessment from the Menu of Assessments was July 1, 2019. If an assessment was selected from the Menu of Assessments, it must be administered to all grade 11 students (Cohort 2021) in the local education agency and is in addition to the grade 10 (Cohort 2022) statewide assessments in ELA, math, and science. For more information, please visit ADE’s [Menu of Assessments](#) webpage.

### **Resources**

[Five-Year Assessment Plan](#)

[Detailed Assessment Calendar for 2019-2020](#)

[Arizona Department of Education Assessment website](#)

[Menu of Assessments Technical Assistance Document](#)

[Arizona State Board of Education Assessments and Menu of Assessments website](#)