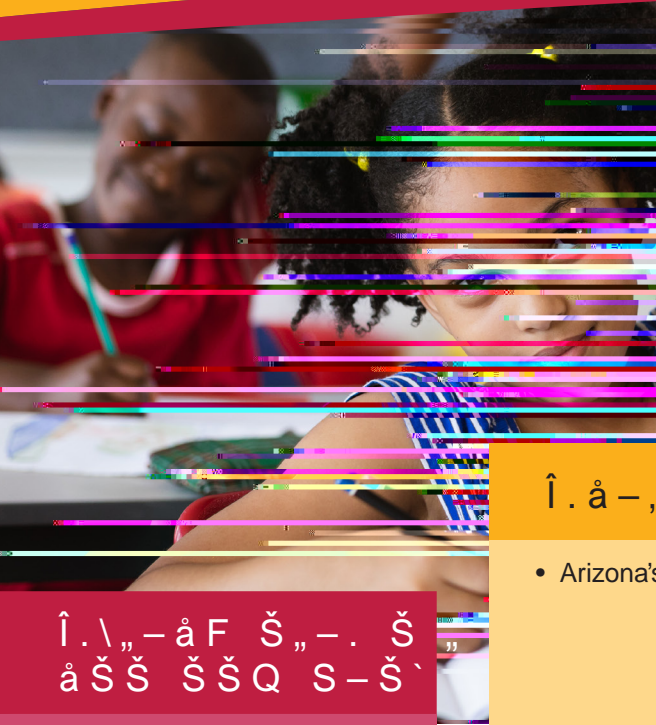


A Parent Guide to Understanding Arizona's Statewide Assessments



how well students are learning. These assessments are aligned to Arizona's Academic Standards.

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- Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) - English Language Arts and Math

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Eligible Students in
Grades 3-9 and 11

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Tests are online. Students have access to universal and embedded tools and supports.

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These assessments are administered during the spring.

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- All students will participate in Statewide Assessments (English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science). It is important that all students can show what they know and can do.
- Arizona does not have any exemptions from participating in these assessments. Statewide Assessments are required by State and Federal Law. (State Law: ARS 15-741; Federal Law: 34 CFR 200.2 Participation in Assessments).
- It is important for the state and schools to know if there are any gaps in their instruction and how to support all students. There are general assessments (AASA, AzSCI, ACT Aspire, and ACT)

Students who are identified as having a disability may be eligible to participate in an alternate assessment (MSAA). See Eligibility Criteria and <https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2018/03/MSAA-Eligibility-Criteria-2018-2019.pdf>

- MSAA tests academic skills in reading, writing, math, and science. It is designed to have statements reminding students what the question is about. (<https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2018/03/MSAA-Eligibility-Criteria-2018-2019.pdf>) This assessment is administered one-on-one (a teacher and the student). This assessment does not measure <https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2018/03/MSAA-Eligibility-Criteria-2018-2019.pdf>

- Universal Tools and Accommodations may be available for your child. See Statewide Accessibility Manuals: (<https://www.azed.gov/assessment/accessibility>)

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