

AzMERIT Info



COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENT



As you are probably aware, the AIMS test has been replaced by a new state test called the AzMERIT. Students from third grade through high school will take the AzMERIT in April/May. One significant change is that the test will be computer-based.

Please take a few minutes to read through the information on this two-sided flyer.

Schedule - Mark Your Calendars

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| • April 13 | 9th, 10th, & 11th Grade Writing (includes AP Language) |
| • April 14 | 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Reading Part I (includes AP Language) |
| • April 15 | 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Reading Part II (includes AP Language) |
| • April 21 | Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II Part I |
| • April 22 | Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II Part II |

School start and stop times will not change on these dates!



STUDENTS NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN EARBUDS OR HEADPHONES

Students will need a personal set of earbuds (such as iPod earbuds) or headphones to take the AzMERIT. Some sections include audio, and students will need to listen to test instructions and can watch tutorial videos. Please help by reminding students to bring their own set from home during testing. The school will have some headphones for students to borrow who are unable to bring their own.



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TECHNOLOGY TOOLS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON COMPUTER-BASED AzMERIT

- * **Writing Guide & Dictionary/Thesaurus Tool:** Students have access to the writing guide tool and the dictionary/thesaurus tool during writing test.
- * **Calculator:** Students have access to the calculator tool. However, students may use an acceptable graphing calculator in addition to the online calculator on the AzMERIT High School End-of-Course tests. There are restrictions regarding types of calculators allowed.
- * **Scratch Paper:** Schools will provide scratch paper (plain, lined, or graph) to students.
- * **Expand/Collapse Passage:** Expand a passage for easier readability. Expanded passages can also be collapsed.
- * **Zoom In/Zoom Out:** Enlarge the font and images in the test. Undo zoom in and return the font and images in the test to original size.
- * **Highlighter:** Highlight text in a passage or item.
- * **Line Reader:** Allows student to track the line he or she is reading.
- * **Mark (Flag) for Review:** Mark an item for review so that it can be easily found later.
- * **Pause/Start:** Allows the session to be paused at any time and restarted and taken over a one day period. For test security purposes, visibility on past items is not allowed when paused longer than 20 minutes.
- * **Review Test:** Allows student to review the test before ending it.
- * **Strikethrough:** Cross out answer options for multiple-choice and multi-select items.
- * **Text-to-Speech Instructions:** Listen to test instructions.
- * **Tutorial:** View a short video about each item type and how to respond.



NOT ALL MULTIPLE CHOICE

AzMERIT is not ALL multiple choice answers. Here are some types of questions students may see:

MATH

- ☒ Multiple Choice
- ☒ Short Answer
- ☒ Drag-and-drop
- ☒ Coordinate Plane
- ☒ Equation
- ☒ Interactive

ELA - Writing & Reading

- ☒ Writing From Sources
- ☒ Two Part Questions
- ☒ Multiple Choice
- ☒ Multiple Select
- ☒ Hot Text
- ☒ Short Answer

PRACTICE & PREPARATION = SUCCESS

To help prepare for success on the computer-based AzMERIT, students are:

- ★ Receiving focused classroom instruction on Arizona College & Career Ready Standards
- ★ Completing technology enhanced Benchmarks
- ★ Completing practice AzMERIT (available soon)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit the AzMERIT Student and Families ADE webpage at:

<http://azmeritportal.org/students-and-families/>

You can also read a letter to parents from the Arizona Department of Education at:

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/files/2014/11/parent-letter.pdf>

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