

AzMERIT Info



COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENT

As you are probably aware, the AIMS test was replaced by a new state test called the AzMERIT last year. Students from third grade through high school will take the AzMERIT in April/May. This will be the second year that students will take the AzMERIT, and the test will be computer-based. We will continue to value pencil-and-paper solving while recognizing the value of using the tools and technology available to us.

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

Schedule - Mark Your Calendars

- **Week of April 4th** **6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Writing**
- **Week of April 18th** **6th Grade Reading & Math**
- **Week of April 25th** **7th Grade Reading & Math**
8th Grade Reading & Math
Algebra/Geometry



Testing will occur from 8:15-11:15 daily. Please help ensure your child's success by making sure s/he has eaten a healthy breakfast and had a good night's rest. Attendance is very important. Unless there is an emergency or your child is sick, please make sure your child is at school on time.



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.



MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER SIDE



TECHNOLOGY TOOLS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON COMPUTER BASE AzMERIT

- * **Writing Guide & Dictionary/Thesaurus Tool:** Students have access to the writing guide tool and the dictionary/thesaurus tool during writing test.
- * **Note Pad:** Students can type notes in a separate area on the test to help them analyze questions.
- * **Calculator:** Students have access to the calculator tool when calculator use is permitted.
- * **Scratch Paper:** Schools will provide scratch paper (plain, lined, or graph) to students for the writing and the math tests.
- * **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 Math Benchmarks online
- ★ Improving Keyboarding Skills with Typing Agent
- ★ Completing Practice AzMERIT

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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