



## How Can I Help Students to Succeed on AzMERIT?

We know that you are interested in educational success for students.

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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**Grades 3-8**

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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 what students should be able to do at each grade level.

The test is designed to measure student learning and progress towards **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.

AzMERIT is also shorter than AIMS. This means your student will spend **less time** taking state tests than in previous years.

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will take AzMERIT in English Language Arts and Math at their grade level. The English Language Arts test includes a writing portion and a reading portion.

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.

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. Check with your school for testing dates, times, and other specific test administration information.