

# Menu of Assessments



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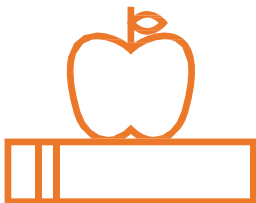
**Tucson Unified School District**

Assessment & Program Evaluation





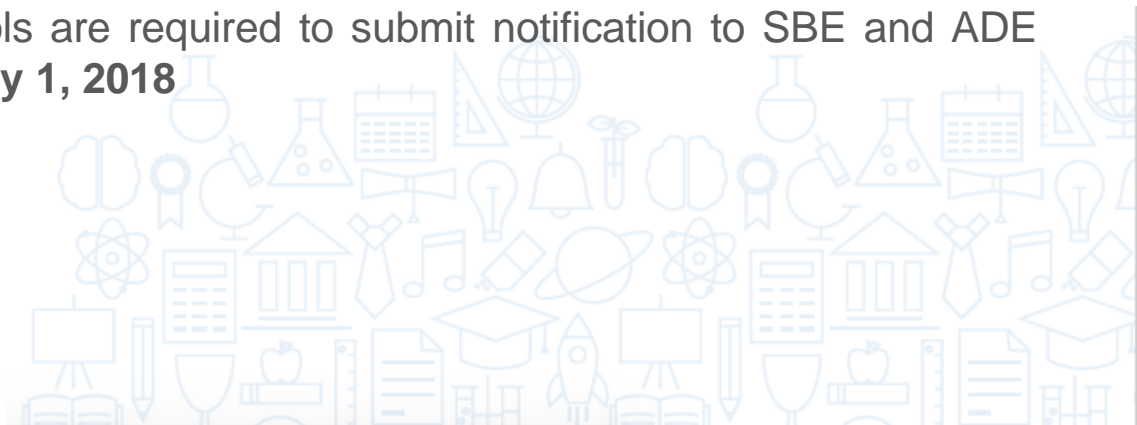
# What is the Menu of Assessments?



The Menu of Assessments allows schools to administer an approved assessment to all students in lieu of the statewide assessment (currently AzMERIT and AIMS Science). This option will be made available to high schools in the 2018-2019 school year and then to elementary schools in the 2019-2020 school year.

Schools that do not select an assessment from the Menu of Assessments are required to administer AzMERIT and AIMS Science. The policies and procedures for administering AzMERIT and AIMS Science remain the same.

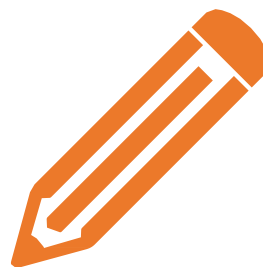
Schools are required to submit notification to SBE and ADE by **July 1, 2018**





## How We Got Here

In 2016, the Legislature passed HB 2544 that required the State Board of Education to adopt a Menu of Assessments. The legislation was subsequently amended in 2017 and is codified in Arizona Revised Statutes 15-741.02.





# Assessments on the Menu

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- 1 **ACT**
- 2 **SAT**
- 3 **Advanced Placement**
- 4 **International Baccalaureate**
- 5 **Cambridge**

Statute requires the Board to add an assessment that is a Nationally Recognized Assessment, an Early College Credit Examination adopted by the Arizona Board of Regents, or an assessment adopted for to the Grand Canyon Diploma.

The listed assessments meet one or more of those criteria and were approved by the Board.

Schools can select only one assessment provider from the Menu.

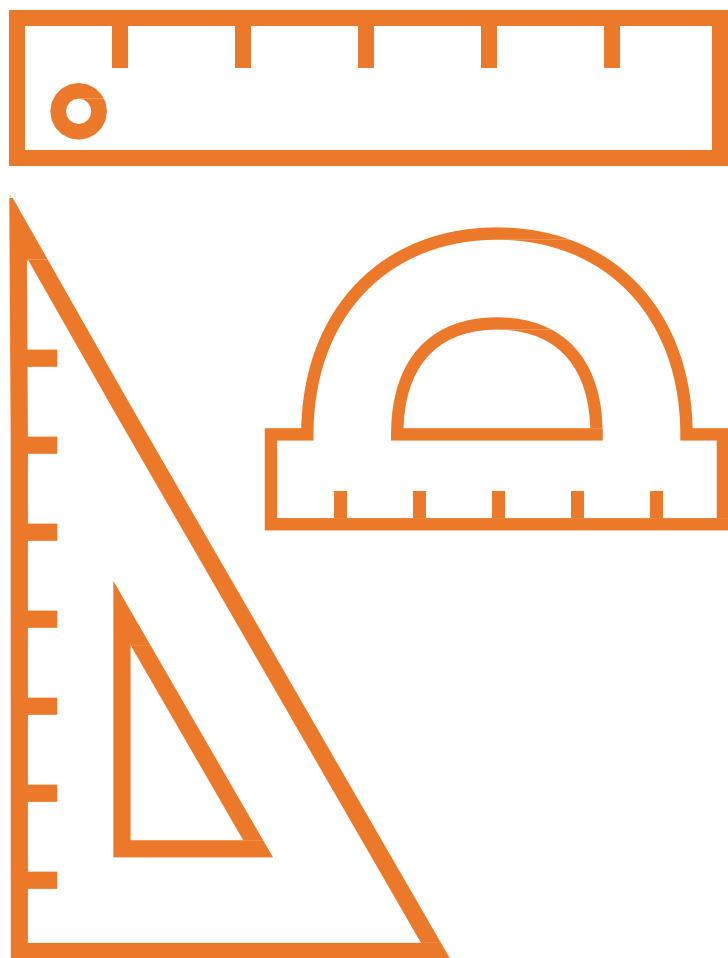
All students in the school shall have at least one test record in ELA, Math, and Science by the end of grade 12 (measured by cohort).

For a full list of assessments on the Menu, please visit:  
<https://azsbe.az.gov/menu-assessments>





## Information for Schools



- The state directed additional funding to reimburse schools in the 2018-2019 school year if they locally procure an assessment from the Menu. The exact amount of the reimbursement is still an unknown.
- The goal is for state funding to be in place for at least the 2019-2020 school year.
- The Board is in the process of modifying the 2018-2019 A-F Accountability System to accommodate the Menu of Assessments.
- The state cannot guarantee when vendors will submit assessment scores. Any delay of scores beyond May will result in a delay in issuing A-F letter grades.
- The Menu of Assessments is available on a school by school basis but must be administered to all students in that school. Additional clarification on this point will be provided in the revised policy and technical assistance documents.



# TUSD Option '1'

## ACT Option:

### 1 ACT – Gr. 11 only



\*7 tests =

AzM Math-2  
AzM Reading-2  
AzM Writing-1  
AIMS Sci-1  
ACT-1

- ACT is about a 3 ½ hour testing period with 4 sub-tests including English, Math, Reading, and Science. Reduces number of tests from 7\* to 1.
- Can be administered on paper or online
- TUSD juniors already take the ACT which is funded 70% by Helios Foundation through 2018-19.
- Uncertain if or how much the state will reimburse for ACT costs in 2018-19.
- Provides accountability to the state from one grade only each year.
- When surveyed, TUSD high school principals preferred the ACT option.
- ACT may have increased buy-in from students because it serves as a college entrance exam.
- Students in grades 9 and 10 can be monitored academically through benchmark data.



## TUSD Option '2'

### 2 AzMERIT – Gr. 9, 10, 11 AIMS Sci – Gr. 9 or 10



#### AzMERIT / AIMS Option

- AzMERIT (5 tests) takes about 7 ½ hours to administer
- AIMS Science takes about 2 hours to administer
- Can be administered on paper or online
- Provides accountability data to the state on the majority of students in the school
- Provides data for growth modeling longitudinally
- State pays for full cost of AzMERIT
- AzMERIT is aligned to our state standards
- Students in grades 9 and 10 can be monitored academically through benchmark data





# Additional Resources

- For more information on the Menu of Assessments: <https://azsbe.az.gov/menu-assessments>
- The state statute governing Menu of Assessments: <https://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00741-02.htm>