

AZMERIT & AIMS 2018 INFO



COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENT

OVMS students will take the AzMERIT in April. In addition, 8th graders will take Science AIMS. Both AzMERIT and AIMS are computer-based assessments this year. We will continue to value pencil-and-paper solving strategies 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

Wednesday, April 4th	AzMERIT Awards Assemblies - Parents Welcome!
Friday, April 6th	6th, 7th, & 8th Grade AzMERIT Writing
Wednesday, April 11th	8th Grade Science AIMS
Monday, April 16th	6th, 7th, & 8th Grade AzMERIT Reading (Part 1)
Tuesday, April 17th	6th, 7th, & 8th Grade AzMERIT Reading (Part 2)
Wednesday, April 18th	6th, 7th, 8th Grade AzMERIT Math, Algebra, & Geometry (Part 1)
Thursday, April 19th	6th, 7th, 8th Grade AzMERIT Math, Algebra, & Geometry (Part 2)
Tuesday, April 24th	6th & 7th Grade Algebra/Geometry Students Grade Level Math AzMERIT (Part 1 & 2)



Testing will occur each morning after advisory base and will extend beyond regular lunch times. 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. Students will be able to access text-to-speech tools on the math, science, and writing sections. In addition, some sections include questions with embedded audio files, 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

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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.
- * **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.
- * **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:** Students can have math, science, and writing read to them with this tool.
- * **Tutorial:** View a short video about each item type and how to respond.



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 Benchmarks Online
- ★ Improving Keyboarding & Technology Skills in Technology Class
- ★ Completing Practice AzMERIT tests

NOT ALL MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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

For questions, please contact our Principal,
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