

# AzMERIT Info



## COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENT

As you are probably aware, The AIMS and AzMERIT tests are approaching soon. Students from third grade through high school will take the AzMERIT in April/May. One significant change is that the AIMS test will be computer-based like the AZMERIT this year. 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

- **Wednesday, April 11th** 8th Grade AIMS Science
- **Thursday, April 5th** 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Writing
- **Tuesday, April 17th** 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Reading and Math Part 1
- **Wednesday, April 18th** 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Reading and Math Part 2



Testing will occur from 9:00 -12:30 and 1:00 - 3:00 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 AND HAVE THEIR LAPTOP CHARGED**

Students will need a personal set of 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. Laptops will be used for testing so it is important for them to be charged each night. Please remind students to bring in earbuds or headphones and to charge their laptop!



**MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER SIDE**

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## 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.
- \* **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 reading, writing and math.
- \* **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
- ★ Improving Keyboarding Skills with Typing Agent
- ★ Completing Practice AzMERIT

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, and for practice tests to complete with your student please visit the AzMERIT Student and Families ADE webpage at:

[https://login11.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V245/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Arizona\\_PT](https://login11.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V245/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=Arizona_PT)

For questions, please contact your Principal, Kristin Murray at 879-1304 or [murrayk@vailschooldistrict.org](mailto:murrayk@vailschooldistrict.org)

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