

## End-of-Course Testing

### What is AzMERIT End-of-Course (EOC) testing?

AzMERIT End-of-Course tests provide information about students' proficiency in certain required high school level courses.

### How is EOC testing different from AIMS testing?

AIMS was given in the tenth grade year to measure only the minimal expectations of the students in their first two years of high school. EOC tests will be given at the end of each of the designated courses to measure mastery of the standards taught in that course.

Unlike AIMS, a passing score on the EOC tests is not a requirement for high school graduation. Instead, EOC scores may be included in the relevant course grade.

### Which courses will have an EOC test?

In English language arts, EOC tests will be given for Grades 9 through 11. In mathematics, EOC tests will be given for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or their equivalents.

### Who will take the EOC tests?

Students enrolled in high school level English language arts courses or Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or their equivalents will take the EOC tests. This includes younger students enrolled in high school level courses.

### How will the EOC tests be administered?

The EOC tests will be computer-based. For schools that are not yet ready to administer a computer-based assessment, a paper-based version will be available.

### When will the EOC tests be given?

Beginning in 2015, EOC tests will be administered every spring. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) plans to offer them at two additional times (summer and fall) for students on alternate schedules. Students will take the exams while they are enrolled in the corresponding course.

### How can students prepare for an EOC test?

Instruction in Arizona classrooms is aligned to Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. The EOC tests will also be aligned to these same standards. This means that students can best prepare for the EOC tests by being actively engaged in their classes.

Additionally, [resources](#) aligned to these standards are currently available on the ADE website. Sample items specific to AzMERIT will be available by February 2015.

