



CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80

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Camille Casteel, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) has taken the opportunity to utilize the [Menu of Assessment](#) (A.R.S.15-741.02) option at the high school level for our annual state assessment. We are grateful to the Arizona State Legislature for the opportunity to eliminate seven testing days over the course of a child's high school career and focus that time on learning in the classroom. This means we will no longer administer AzMERIT or AIMS Science for 9th through 12th grade students.

In place of AzMERIT and AIMS Science, CUSD will administer the ACT to all 11th grade students throughout the district. The ACT has been administered to juniors over the last several years within our district in an effort to increase post-secondary enrollment after graduation. This year the exam will serve in that capacity as well as satisfying the state-mandated testing requirement. Students will be assessed in English, Reading, Mathematics and Science. This assessment will be administered in April.

We want to communicate this change because it will affect all of our students attending a high school within the district. For 9th and 10th grade students they will not be required to take a state mandated assessment until their 11th grade year. For 11th grade students they will only be taking the ACT. If you are looking for opportunities for your child to study for the ACT, please visit [ACT Academy](#) for personalized instruction and practice assessments.

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