

AzMERIT Info



COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENT

As you are probably aware, the AIMS test (except for Science) has been replaced by a new state test called the AzMERIT. Students from third grade through high school will take the AzMerit in April/May. One significant change is that the test will be computer-based. 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.

*Our first testing session each day begins at **8:30 AM**. 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.*

Elgin School Testing Schedule

Thursday, April 5th—AzMerit Writing, Grades 3-8

Tuesday, April 10th—AzMerit—Reading, Grades 3-8

Wednesday, April 11th—EOC Writing, 8th Grade Only

Friday, April 13th—AIMS Science, 4th & 8th Grades Only

Tuesday, April 17th—AzMerit Math, Grades 3-8

Wednesday, April 18th—EOC Reading, 8th Grade Only

Thursday, April 19th—EOC Math, 8th Grade Only



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.
- ◆ **Calculator:** Students have access to the calculator tool when 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.
- ◆ **Test-to-Speech Instructions:** Listen to test instructions.
- ◆ **Tutorial:** View a short video about each item type and how to respond.

Help Your Child do Well on Tests!



Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before every test.



Provide a light, healthy breakfast on test day.



Have your child dress comfortably and arrive at school on time.



Send your child off to school with confidence—building words of praise and support: You'll do great! Believe in yourself! I love you!



Suggest that your child breathe deeply to relax before and during the test.



Remind your child to read directions carefully and look at all the answers before choosing one.



Tell your child to check his or her answers before turning in the test.



Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pickups for testing days.