



Dear PUSD Families,

Page Unified School District will be conducting state assessments this Spring. Not only is this a state requirement, testing is also a vital source of information about student achievement and progress. The information gathered from state assessments play an important role in instructional decision making for our state, district, schools and teachers. This is why participation in testing by all of our students is so important, especially this year.

State testing must be completed in person. Processes and procedures are in place to conduct testing as safely as possible. School sites already use several mitigation strategies that include masking, social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting. The major additional strategy will be the scheduling of testing for those who are still in remote learning. Additional transportation cannot be provided, so we are asking those that can provide their own transportation to do so on their scheduled testing days. Those that cannot provide their own transportation should ride the bus on their scheduled testing days. This scheduling will minimize the amount of students on buses and on campus. Students who are in remote learning will be in their school's OSS site for testing. In person students will test in their classrooms. Attached is a testing calendar that shows the dates we are requesting remote students come to school for testing. Additional dates will be added as we move through testing and require additional or make-up days for remote students to complete testing.

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## **F.A.Q.**

### **Why do we have to test?**

Testing informs the state, district, schools and teachers on how well students are doing with state standards. The information gathered from these tests helps in making instructional decisions at the state level as well as the local district level.

### **Who has to participate in testing?**

AzM2: Grades 3,4,5,6,7,8 and 10

AzSCI: Grades 5, 8 and 11

ACT: Grade 11

### **Can we test at home?**

No. Testing must be conducted in person, per state requirements.

### **When is testing?**

Individual testing schedules vary by grade. Please refer to the attached calendar for specific dates of testing for your student.

### **What is OSS?**

OSS stands for onsite support service. OSS sites are set up at each school to provide remote learners with reliable internet access and supervision during the day when that cannot be provided at home. OSS sites require a temperature check before entry and are set up so students are static and maintain 6 feet for social distancing throughout their time in OSS.

### **What mitigation strategies are being used?**

Currently our schools use the following strategies:

Masking.

Social distancing to the extent possible.

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Cleaning and disinfection.

Contact tracing.

Cohorting.

Staying home when appropriate.

Adequate supplies.

Do not share objects at any level.

Visitors are limited by appointment only.

Ventilation - air circulation to the extent possible, practical, and feasible.

Water systems have been installed.

Water bottles may be available, but no sharing.

The following are the tests being conducted, what grade levels are participating in the test, approximate time each test will take and the window that we have to complete testing.

**AzM2** (3rd - 8th and 10th grade participating)

Tests	Approximate Times	Test Window
ELA - Writing	60-90 minutes	4/5/21 - 4/23/21 (3rd 4/16/21)
ELA - Reading, Pt. 1	45-75 minutes	4/5/21 - 5/14/21 (3rd 4/30/21)
ELA - Reading, Pt. 2	45-75 minutes	4/5/21 - 5/14/21 (3rd 4/30/21)
Math, Pt. 1	60-85 minutes	4/5/21 - 5/14/21 (3rd 4/30/21)
Math, Pt. 2	60-85 minutes	4/5/21 - 5/14/21 (3rd 4/30/21)

**AzSCI** (5th, 8th and 11th Grade participating)

Tests	Approximate Times	Test Window
Science, Pt. 1	45-60 minutes	3/22/21 - 4/30/21
Science, Pt. 2	45-60 minutes	

**ACT** (11th Graders participating)

Tests	Times	Test Window
English	45 minutes	4/6/21
Mathematics	60 minutes	
Reading	35 minutes	
Science	35 minutes	

The AZELLA reassessment will be administered to all identified English Language Learning students. AZELLA reassessment will take place March 8th - May 15th. The specific site dates are identified below. This reassessment takes approximately 4-6 hours. The students are given substantial breaks throughout the test and lunch is provided if they are not at a stopping place at lunch time.

PMS - March 8th - March 11th

PHS - March 22nd - March 25th

MMHS/SSVA - March 25th

DVI - March 29th - April 2nd

LVP - April 5th - April 15th

REMOTE LEARNERS - April 15th - May 15th

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March - April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<b>ACT</b> 11th <b>AzM2</b> 3rd 6th	<b>AzM2</b> 3rd 6th 10th	<b>AzM2</b> 3rd 6th 10th	<b>AzM2</b> 10th		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>AzM2</b> 4th 7th 10th make-up	<b>AzM2</b> 4th 7th 10th make-up	<b>AzM2</b> 4th 7th 10th make-up			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<b>AzSCI</b> 5th- <b>AzM2</b> 8th 11th 10th make-up	<b>AzM2</b> 5th 8th 10th make-up	<b>AzM2</b> 5th 8th 10th make-up	<b>AzM2</b> 8th		
26	27	28	29	30		
	3rd Make-up	4th Make-up	5th Make-up			