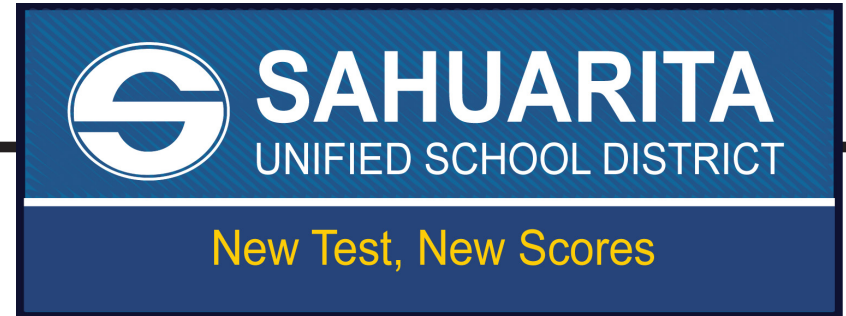




- ▶ AzMERIT replaced the AIMS test in reading, writing, and math for Arizona students in grades 3rd through high school.
- ▶ Sahuarita Unified School District #30 has aligned curriculum to these new more rigorous standards.
- ▶ Sahuarita Unified School District utilizes a Standards-Based Report Card for Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- ▶ AzMERIT measures mastery of the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards.
- ▶ AzMERIT tests are significantly more difficult than the previous AIMS test.
- ▶ It is anticipated that your child may not score at the same levels as in prior years.
- ▶ These results are only a reflection of AzMERIT's increased level of difficulty. Scores will improve over time.

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- ▶ AzMERIT will set a more realistic benchmark for student performance. Because it is a completely new test, scores will look different than AIMS and may seem lower than before. This does not mean your child is doing worse. Instead, results demonstrate the increased level of difficulty.
- ▶ Passing AzMERIT is not a graduation requirement for high school students. Scores are not incorporated into course grades; however, they may be in the future. Assessment results will be used to further develop District programs and support individualized instruction.
- ▶ AzMERIT will allow for faster score reporting. Results should be available before the end of each school year. However, initial results from the spring 2015 test are expected to be released November 2015.
- ▶ Parents will receive a score report that provides information on your child's performance and specific skills.
- ▶ A new law was adopted in 2015 to provide students, teachers, and schools with a two-year transition period to adjust to the new AzMERIT exam. A new school accountability system should be in place by the 2016-2017 school year.
- ▶ The AIMS Science test will still be administered to students in 4th, 8th, and high school Biology.