

AZELLA Test Window has Opened

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The window for assessments has begun and we will be reaching out to you soon to schedule your child for the Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA). **This assessment requires your child to be present at school and transportation will be provided- if needed.**

Safety is a high priority at Sanders Unified School District. Please be assured that every precaution is being taken to keep the testing environment safe for all students and staff. The assessment room is large enough for social distancing and masks will be required.

Here is some important information you need to know about AZELLA:

It is a standards-based assessment that measures a student's level of English proficiency based on Arizona's English Language Proficiency Standards. The AZELLA meets both state and federal requirements for assessing the language proficiency of students identified as second language learners. It also determines placement for appropriate instruction, is used as entry and exit criteria for English Learner (EL) program services, and it measures annual progress toward the attainment of English language proficiency. Results from this assessment are used for various state and federal reporting and accountability measures.

While AZELLA is not the type of test you *study for*, there are some things you can do to help your child do his/her very best:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test day
- Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast prior to testing
- Encourage your child to do his/her best and to answer every question
- Practice with the Sample Tests. Your child's teacher will be able to give you information about how to access the correct sample test.

Testing usually takes 2-3 days to complete. There are four sections of the AZELLA test. Your child most likely will take 2 sections per day, thereby finishing the test in two days.

Thank you for your support!