

March 23, 2026

Dear Pine Strawberry Families,

We appreciate all you do to support your child's academic success!

Over the next couple of weeks, we will administer important tests for students in grades 3 through 8: Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) and Arizona's Science Test (AzSCI). These statewide achievement tests determine how well students are performing and are an opportunity for your child to demonstrate their learning throughout the school year.

AASA will assess reading, writing, and mathematics. In grades 5 and 8, students will also take the AzSCI to assess their general understanding of science content and problem-solving skills.

Your child's classroom projects, assignments, and discussions throughout the year have prepared them for the AASA and AzSCI, but talking to them about the tests can encourage their best effort and reduce the anxiety they may be feeling. Use this link from the Arizona Department of Education to read more about statewide assessments: [ADE Statewide Assessment](#).

Please ensure your child arrives on time and is well-rested on testing days. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need more information.

Testing dates are as follows:

March 31 - Writing (3rd-8th grade)

April 1 & 2 - Science (5th and 8th grade)

April 2 - Reading Fluency (3rd grade)

April 6 & 7 - Math (3rd-8th grade)

April 8 & 9 - Reading (3rd-8th grade)

With gratitude,

Katie Ast
Superintendent/Principal

