



Centennial High School

Creating a Culture of Achievement through Coyote Pride

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Dear Parents / Guardian(s):

All students currently enrolled in block English I, II, III and Algebra I, II, and Geometry are required by The Arizona Department of Education to take the AzMERIT End of Course Assessment for these specific classes (including Honors, LSC, AIM, Extensions, and Intensified). Students enrolled in year-long English I, and Algebra I, II and Geometry will take the AzMERIT in the spring.

In 2010, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted new standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students in Arizona. These academic standards outline what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. With the adoption and implementation of new standards, a new test was necessary. The recent cancellation of the requirement of AIMS (Reading, Writing, and Math) to graduate does not affect AzMERIT and AIMS Science tests.

As parents and guardians, you are in a unique position to encourage and motivate your child to do his/her best on these tests. Working together, we can ensure that all students are successful. Student attendance on test days is extremely important. All students currently enrolled in these six courses are required to test. There is no “opt-out” option for your student.

Test results will be distributed to individual students and families as soon as they are received by the District. Samples of the paper reports can be viewed by going to <http://www.azed.gov/assessment/azmerit/> and clicking on the AzMERIT Reports tab. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me for additional information.

AzMERIT information is posted on the Arizona Department of Education website (<http://azmeritportal.org/>). Parents are encouraged to review all of the information posted here and view AzMERIT Sample Tests (using Chrome or Firefox). **AzMERIT testers will take their assessments during their current English and Math classes. All assessments will be in electronic format.**

- **Writing AzMERIT assessment will occur in English classes from Nov. 1st – Nov 4th. This is a one day test. The Writing make-up test will be Nov. 10th.**
- **Reading Az MERIT assessment will occur in English classes from Nov. 2nd – Nov. 9th this is a two day test. The Reading make-up test will be Nov. 14th.**
- **Math AzMERIT assessment will occur in Math classes from Nov.15th – Nov. 30th. This is a two day test. The Math make-up test will be Dec. 1st.**

The English and Math teachers can give you exact dates for testing in their classes.

This information can be found on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/CentennialHighSchool

Sincerely,

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