

## How Parents Can Help

When a test is being given, you can help by making sure your student:

- gets plenty of sleep the night before the test;
- has breakfast on the morning of the test;
- goes to school on the day of a test;
- does not have any out-of-school appointments on the day of a test;
- knows you think he/she will do well on the tests; and
- knows you understand the test is important.

To help your student learn at home:

- encourage your student to read and read to your student;
- be interested in your student's daily school work;
- talk with and listen to your student daily;
- go to parent-teacher conferences and stay in regular contact with your student's teacher(s);
- get to know your student's teacher;
- remind your student that it is ok to ask questions in class; and
- check frequently to ensure that your student is completing all assigned work in a timely manner.

## AESAS

Arkansas Educational Support and  
Accountability System  
(formerly ACTAAP)

## A Note to Parents/Guardians

ACT Aspire  
Grades 3-10

Arkansas Department of Education

### What is AESAS?

The **Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability System (AESAS)**, Act 930 § 2 of 2017, is the state law that requires the state of Arkansas to test public school students.

### What is the purpose of the test?

Research shows that the earlier we measure progress toward meeting educational standards, the more we can strengthen a student's chances to stay on target enabling him/her to succeed and be college and career ready upon graduating high school. These assessments ensure that all students in Arkansas public schools have an equal opportunity to demonstrate grade-level and subject area academic proficiency through the application of knowledge and skills in the core academic subjects consistent with state academic standards, and performance standards.

### What tests will my student take?

#### Grades 3 - 10

ACT Aspire  
April 8 – May 10, 2019  
Reading, Writing, English,  
Math, Science

### What is the ACT Aspire?

The ACT Aspire is an online criterion-referenced test given to students in grades 3 -10 in English, reading, writing, math, and science. Criterion-reference tests measure a student's knowledge of standard specific skills. This will be the third year that Arkansas students will take the ACT Aspire. The total end-of-year testing time for ACT Aspire summative is 4 1/2 to 5 hours. These tests are administered over a five-week testing window. Parents will receive score reports that will provide information regarding each student's individual progress.

### When will my student test?

Your student will test:

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