



Snowflake Unified School District

RE: Testing Transparency

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that local education agencies, that receive Title I Federal Grant funds, notify parents (upon parent request) in a timely fashion of testing requirements and expectations regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111 (b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency.

In general, SUSD5 expects students to actively participate in assessments given within the classroom that are designed to measure student growth in achieving state standards. Such assessments provide much needed data to inform classroom curriculum design and pacing and are vital to assist teacher–student interactions and student growth. According to Arizona state law, all students in Arizona schools must participate in annual, state-mandated AzMERIT and AIMS Science testing. Parents may not opt their students out of these standardized tests.

We are anxious to respond to any questions regarding testing expectations and requirement in the Snowflake Unified School District. Queries should be directed to the site administrator for specific information related to testing at that site.

Respectfully,

Jason Owen

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