



# Heritage Academy

Laveen

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March 29, 2021

**Grade 11**

Dear Heritage Academy Family,

Heritage Academy Laveen will be administering the AzM2, ACT, and AzSCI state required tests during the month of April. Please report for your test session(s) on the following dates/times listed below.

- AzSCI - Friday, April 2 (7:45 - 10:00 am) **Bring standard jack earbuds.** [See FAQ below](#) for more information
- ACT - Tuesday, April 6 (7:30 - 11:00 am) **Please arrive by 7:15 am. Bring an approved calculator. Photo ID is required** [See FAQ below](#) for more information

Scholars are **not** required to wear a uniform for testing, however Heritage appropriate standards of dress are still required. Please visit the website to review the [Scholar Handbook \(p. 27\)](#) on our dress code policy for non-uniform/"Dollars for Duds" days. Masks are **required** to be worn upon entering the building and during testing. Scholars in need of a mask, will be provided one. See the front desk for assistance.

Upon arrival, please report straight to your assigned classroom. Classroom Assignment information will be posted on the 1st floor and teachers will be stationed on every floor to direct you where to go. Attendance will be taken during testing. If you are unable to attend testing, please call the office to report the absence.

Please remember to get plenty of rest the night before your test session, eat a healthy breakfast, and dress comfortably. Be sure to also bring a book to read once you complete your test, a water bottle, and a small snack. For more information on how to prepare, please [see the FAQ below](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Weiler, Assistant Principal and Test Coordinator 602-290-8546, x.4466 or [aweiler@heritageacademyaz.com](mailto:aweiler@heritageacademyaz.com)

Thank you,

*Heritage Academy Laveen Administration*



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## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Heritage Academy Laveen COVID-19 safety protocol?** The health and safety of your scholar is very important to us. The average class size during testing is approximately 12-15 scholars per room. Scholars are required to wear a mask during testing and will be spaced at least 3 feet apart, [per CDC](#). Hand washing stations are readily available upon entering the building and scholars have readily available access to cleaning stations in every classroom. For more information on the Heritage Academy COVID-19 safety protocol, please [visit our website](#).
2. **Are calculators permitted on the math sections?** YES! Calculators are permitted on the ACT exam. Graphing calculators, such as a TI-84, are strongly recommended. On tests where calculators are permitted, it is ideal for a student to use the *recommended* acceptable calculator. If the recommended calculator is not available, students may use a calculator with less functionality, such as a scientific calculator. See the attachment for [calculator guidance](#). **NOTE:** No laptop, tablet, phone or smart watch may be used as a calculator during testing.
3. **What if I cannot attend one or more exam dates?** Please do your best to attend. Call the school to report the absence. We certainly understand concerns surrounding COVID. **NOTE:** The ACT exam must be administered on this date. A make-up test date is not available.
4. **How can I study for the AzM2, AzSCI, and/or ACT?** Free resources are available for all 3 exams. See below for more information.
  - a. **AZM2 (Grades 7, 8, and 10)** - Reading, Writing, and Math practice [here](#)
  - b. **ACT (Grade 11 ONLY)** - Free practice test and study guides are available [here](#)
  - c. **AzSCI (Grades 8 and 11)** - Click on “Arizona”, then “Mic check and sample tests”. No username/password required. Select “AzSCI TestNav Sample Tests” [here](#)
5. **What if I need to leave early?** We cannot call into a classroom to remove a scholar. Please do your best to reschedule appointments. Should an emergency arise, we can certainly help to address the situation.
6. **What do I need to bring with me?** Please bring the following items with you on test days:
  - a. Approved calculator (see #2 above)
  - b. Photo ID REQUIRED for the ACT exam**
  - c. Face mask
  - d. Water bottle and small snack
  - e. Book to read or something quiet for when you are finished testing
  - f. Dress in layers in case you get too cold or too warm
  - g. Earbuds (standard jack) - AzSCI testing ONLY
  - h. **NOTE:** We will provide pencils, erasers, and scratch paper
7. **How long is each exam?**



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- a. **AzM2 ELA Writing** - 60-90 minutes
  - b. **AzM2 ELA Reading (2 Sessions)** - Each session is approximately 45-75 minutes
  - c. **AzM2 Math (2 Sessions)** - Each session is approximately 60-85 minutes
  - d. **ACT (4 Sessions)** - Each session ranges from 30-60 minutes
  - e. **AzSCI (2 Sessions)** - Each session is approximately 45-60 minutes
8. **What is the civics exam, who takes it, and when?** The American Civics Act requires that all Arizona students pass a basic civics test before graduating from high school. It was the first bill Governor Ducey signed, making Arizona the first state in the country to enact such a law. Heritage Academy Laveen online scholars in Grade 12 will take the civics exam in person on **Thursday, April 22, 2021**. Please schedule your test session time [here](#). To learn more about study resources, please visit this [website](#). To read more about Civics Education, you may visit the [website](#).