

Arkansas Department of Education: DESE

ACT Aspire Spring Testing Information

Jonesboro Public School The Academies of Jonesboro High School

What is the purpose of the ACT Aspire tests?

While state tests are not the only measurement used to determine how your child is doing, it does enable educators to compare how students are progressing over time. This helps informs teachers on how to develop plans regarding student growth and learning loss, and the impact COVID has had on student learning.

What Aspire tests will my child take?

ACT Aspire Grades 3-10 – all students Reading, Writing, English, Math, Science

The ACT Aspire is a 4.5 to 5 hour online criterion-referenced assessment. This will be the fifth year that Arkansas has given the Aspire test. Parents will receive score reports which will provide information regarding each student's individual progress over the last two years.

What can you do to help your student do his/her best on the Aspire test?

- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep.
- A good breakfast on test day is fuel for the brain.
- Arrive on time for the assessment.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best.

Jonesboro Public School is committed to the academic progress and complete safety of your child. To ensure that your child stays safe while testing on campus, (District name) is providing the following flexibilities and procedures:

- 1. All virtual students will have a temperature check upon entering the school building.
- 2. All students will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the building.
- 3. All virtual students will be tested separately from the on site students.
- 4. Virtual students will not be allowed to mix with on site students at any time.
- 5. Virtual students will be spaced a minimum of 6 feet apart for testing.
- 6. Virtual students will be tested at their home school at the same day and time as the on site students. (see schedule attached)
- 7. Virtual students do not need to arrive any earlier than 7:45 for testing to allow for spacing between on site and virtual students.
- 8. Virtual students will enter and exit at the front of the Performing Arts Center (PAC).
- 9. Parents do not need to line up to pick up students before the ending time listed below unless called.

Grade 10 Monday, April 5, 2021 7:45 – 11:45 Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:45 – 11:40

*Virtual students will enter and exit from the front of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) (There will be a sign.) *Please do NOT bring your child or have your child arrive any earlier than 7:45.

*If you choose to stay during the test you will need to remain in your car in the parking lot.

*Please do not line up to pick your child before the time to pick up your child unless you are called to pick your child up early.

*Students will not be allowed to leave without a parent without a note.

*STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR COMPUTER AND CHARGER. MAKE SURE THE DEVICE IS CHARGED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE EXAM THE NEXT DAY.