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Dear Parents and Guardians of Full-time DVOLP Students,

In order to measure school progress and student growth, Arizona requires all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade public school students to participate in state achievement assessments. Although the state achievement assessments were suspended in the spring of 2020, the assessments will resume this spring. Students in grade 10 will take the AzM2 assessments in ELA (writing and reading) and mathematics. Students in grade 11 will take the AzSCI test. The AzSCI assessment is a field test this year, so student test results will not be made available.

***At this time, the state is requiring the assessments to be administered and proctored in person.*** This means, DVOLP students will need to come to a DVUSD school location to take the tests. It will take 10<sup>th</sup> grade students three days to complete the testing and students in grade 11 will take one day to test. To reduce the number of students and staff at the testing site and allow for physical distancing, the assessments will be administered to DVOLP students after the regular instructional day has ended. District COVID-19 protocols will be in effect including face coverings, distancing, and cleaning. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 13th	3:00pm-6:30pm	AzM2 Writing Assessment (10 <sup>th</sup> graders only)*
Thursday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm-6:30pm	AzSCI Science Assessment (11 <sup>th</sup> graders only)
Tuesday, April 20th	3:00pm-6:30pm	AzM2 Reading Assessment (10 <sup>th</sup> graders only)*
Thursday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00pm-6:30pm	AzM2 Mathematics Assessment (10 <sup>th</sup> graders only)

*\*Students must take both the Writing and Reading tests to receive an AzM2 ELA score.*

The testing location for DVOLP students will be in the Cafeteria at **Barry Goldwater High School** (2820 W. Rose Garden Lane, Phoenix).

**Please note:** Students with an IEP or 504 who have specific accommodations for state testing will be scheduled by their home campus Special Education Strategist to take the assessments on the home campus at arranged dates and times. Parents/guardians will be contacted with the dates/times for testing by the school.

Transportation will **not** be available for DVOLP students. Families will be responsible for transporting students to and from the testing site. Additionally, students must bring the following in order to test:

- School ID card
- Face mask that covers the mouth and nose (face shields are not acceptable)
- District issued i-Pad or chromebook—**must be charged & the operating system updated**
- Device charging cord
- Ear phones or earbuds (wired, not Bluetooth)
- Water bottle (optional – common drinking fountains are not available)
- Reading book (optional – to read after completing first section of the test)

We understand that testing our online students in person is an inconvenience and may be challenging for students, parents/guardians, and staff alike. However, we also know that the data the assessments provide will be highly useful in gauging student learning and providing student support next school year, especially in the wake of disruptions to learning caused by COVID-19. We appreciate the efforts you and your student will make to ensure your student completes the state achievement assessments.

Please feel free to email the DVOLP Office at [DVOLP@dvusd.org](mailto:DVOLP@dvusd.org) with questions.

Thank you!

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