

Dear Compass High School Parents and Families,

During the months of March and April, Compass High School will be administering important tests for all 9th and 11th grade students: Arizona's test for science (AzSCI), ACT, and ACT Aspire. The assessments are statewide achievement tests used to determine how well students are performing and are an opportunity for your child to demonstrate their learning throughout the school year.

11th grade students will take the AzSCI to assess general understanding of science content and problem-solving skills, and the ACT test to assess English, math, reading, science, and writing. 9th grade students will take the ACT Aspire test to predict their future scores on the ACT. Please refer to the **Assessment Information for Parents** document for more additional information on the statewide achievement tests that are required for students in Arizona.

Your child's classroom projects, assignments, and discussions throughout the year have prepared them for the AzSCI, ACT, and ACT Aspire tests, but talking to them about the tests can encourage their best effort and reduce any anxiety they may be feeling. The Arizona Department of Education has a comprehensive **Parent Guide to Understanding Statewide Assessments**, we encourage you to visit the page for more information.

Below you will find a schedule of the specific testing dates, so please ensure that your child arrives on time and well-rested on testing days. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact your child's school.