Arizona Science Standards and Assessment
Transition and Implementation

New Standards
Fall 2018

2018-19:
• 2004 Standards
• AIMS Science spring 2019

Year 1:
2019-2020 AIMS Science Assessment and begin implementation of new standards

• Implementation of new 2018 Standards
• AIMS Science spring 2020
• Field Test for item types
• Request waiver from USDOE for forms field test for 2021

Year 2:
2020-2021 Implementation year for standards and transition year for assessment

• Continue implementing 2018 Standards
• AIMS Science spring 2021
• Forms Field Testing

Year 3:
2021-2022 Implementation year for standards and assessment

New Science Assessment:
5th grade: 3/4/5
8th grade: 6/7/8
11th Grade 9/10/11 Essential Standards

ADE: Provides Phase 1 of guidance implementation with documents and introductory webinars as professional development (January- April, 2019)

Please note the timeline for implementation of the new science standards and science assessment is tentative. As the implementation process evolves, ADE will solicit input from various stakeholders and share information regarding updates as necessary.