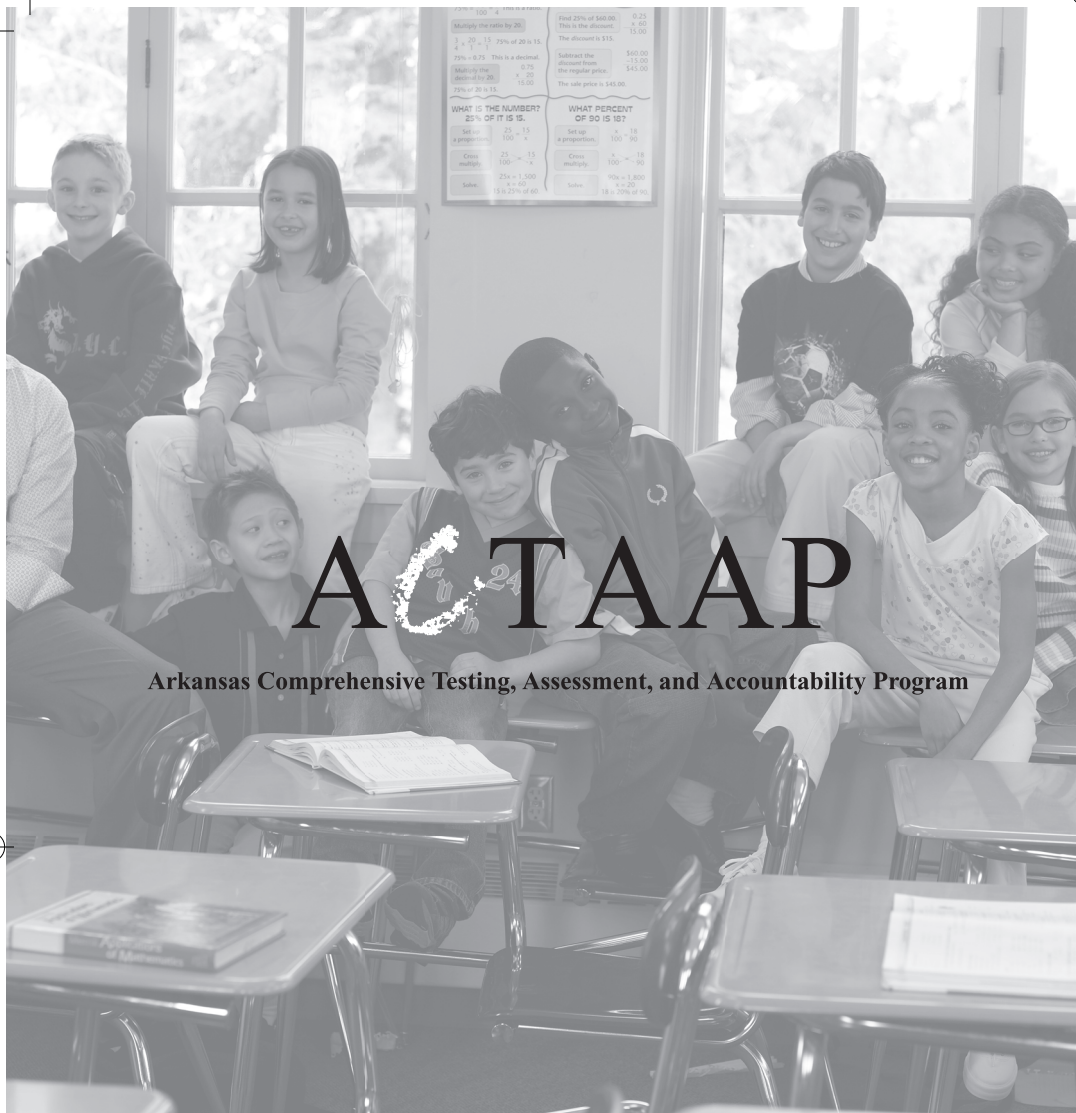
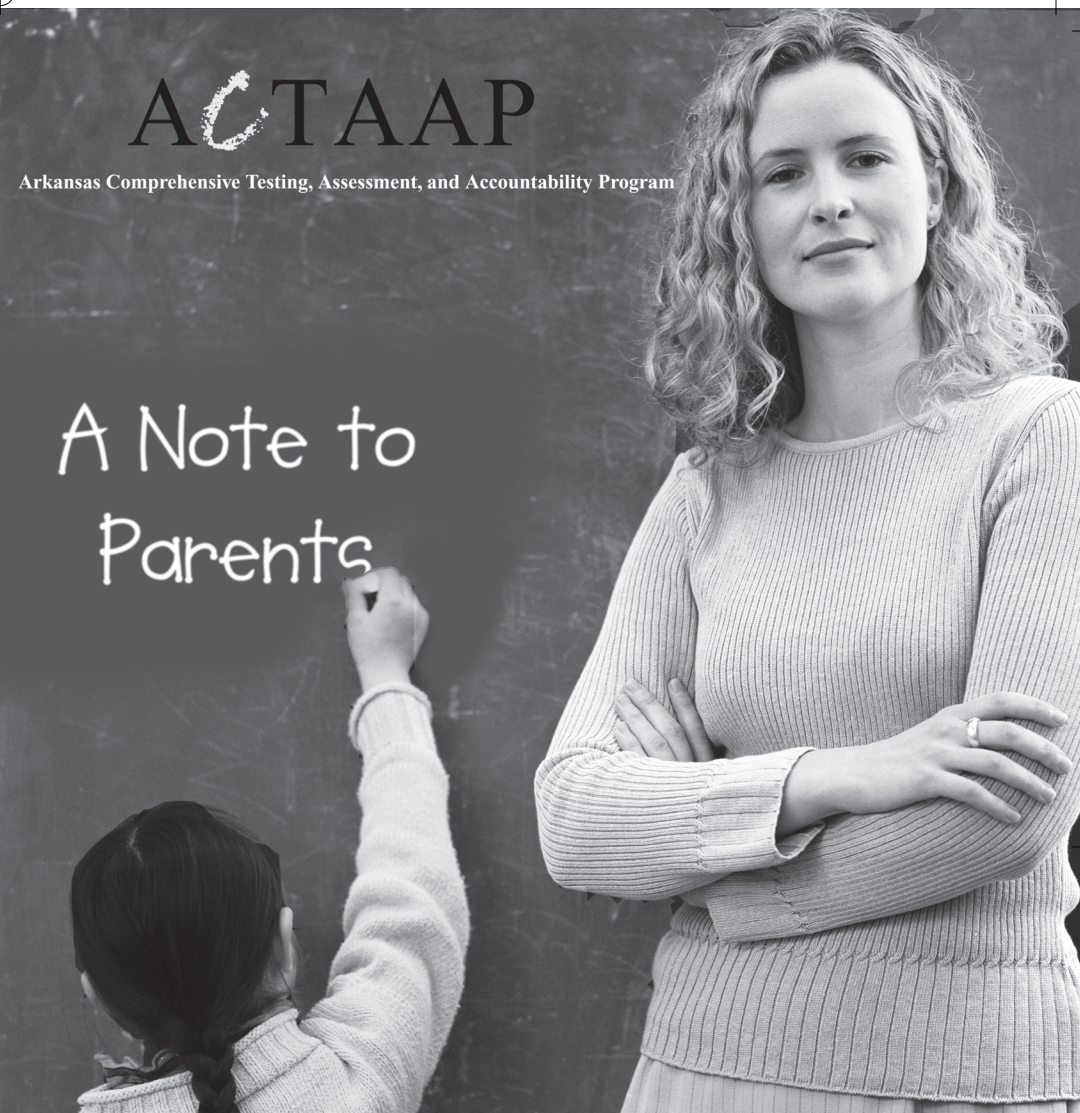




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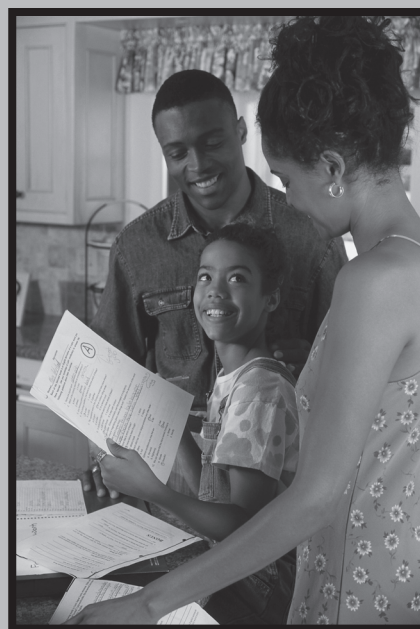
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Importance of the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program (ACTAAP)

The Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) focuses on measuring the application of basic problem-solving skills that are essential to the success of students in school. The ACTAAP measures achievement based on the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks (the state-level expectations for instruction) and will identify those students who may be in need of additional instruction in English language arts, mathematics, and science as required by legislation.

The administration of the Augmented Benchmark Examinations for grades 3–8 will be conducted on April 13–17, 2009. The administration of the *Metropolitan Achievement Tests*, Eighth Edition (METROPOLITAN8) for Kindergarten and the *Stanford Achievement Test*, Tenth Edition (SAT 10) for grades 1, 2, and 9 will be conducted during the testing window of April 6–17, 2009.

It is important for parents to be aware of the purpose of the Augmented Benchmark Examinations, METROPOLITAN8, and SAT 10, as well as the dates for testing. It is also essential that parents be involved in their children's ongoing preparation for testing as well as preparation immediately before scheduled testing.



How Parents Can Help

When a test is to be given, you can help by making sure your child does the following:

- ☒ Gets plenty of sleep the night before the test
- ☒ Has breakfast on the morning of the test
- ☒ Goes to school on the day of the test
- ☒ Knows you think she/he will do well on the test
- ☒ Knows you understand that the test is important

To help your child learn at home, consider the following:

- ☐ Encourage your child to read
- ☐ Be interested in what your child does in school (ask what happens each day)
- ☐ Ask to see your child's school papers
- ☐ Talk with and listen to your child (ask each other questions and share experiences)
- ☐ Visit stores, museums, festivals, etc., with your child and talk about them
- ☐ Go to parent-teacher conferences
- ☐ Let your child know that you think a good education is important
- ☐ Get to know your child's teacher
- ☐ Tell your child that it is okay to ask the teacher questions
- ☐ Check frequently to ensure that your child is completing all assigned work in a timely manner
- ☐ Urge your child to strive for excellence in all that she/he does