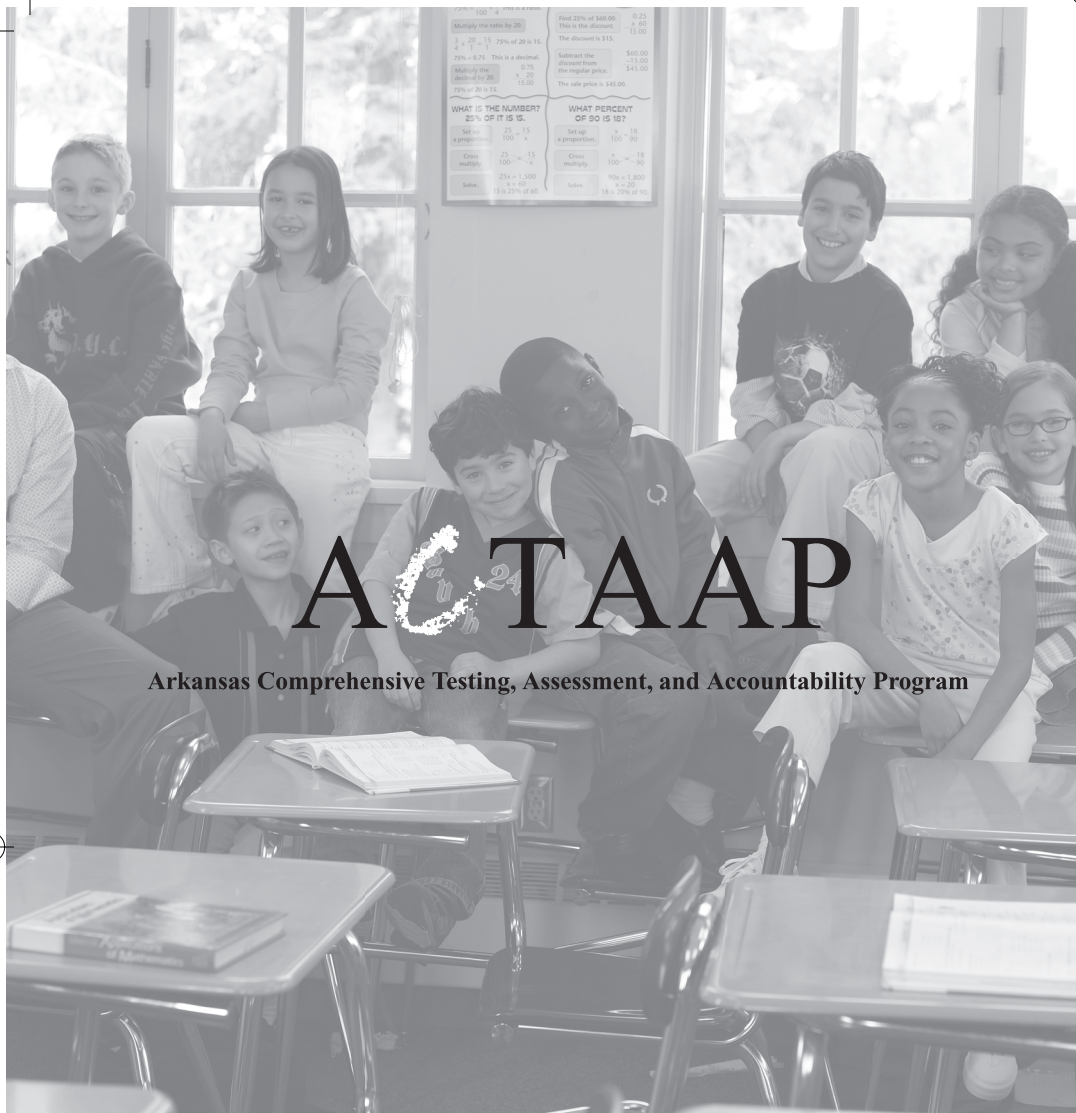
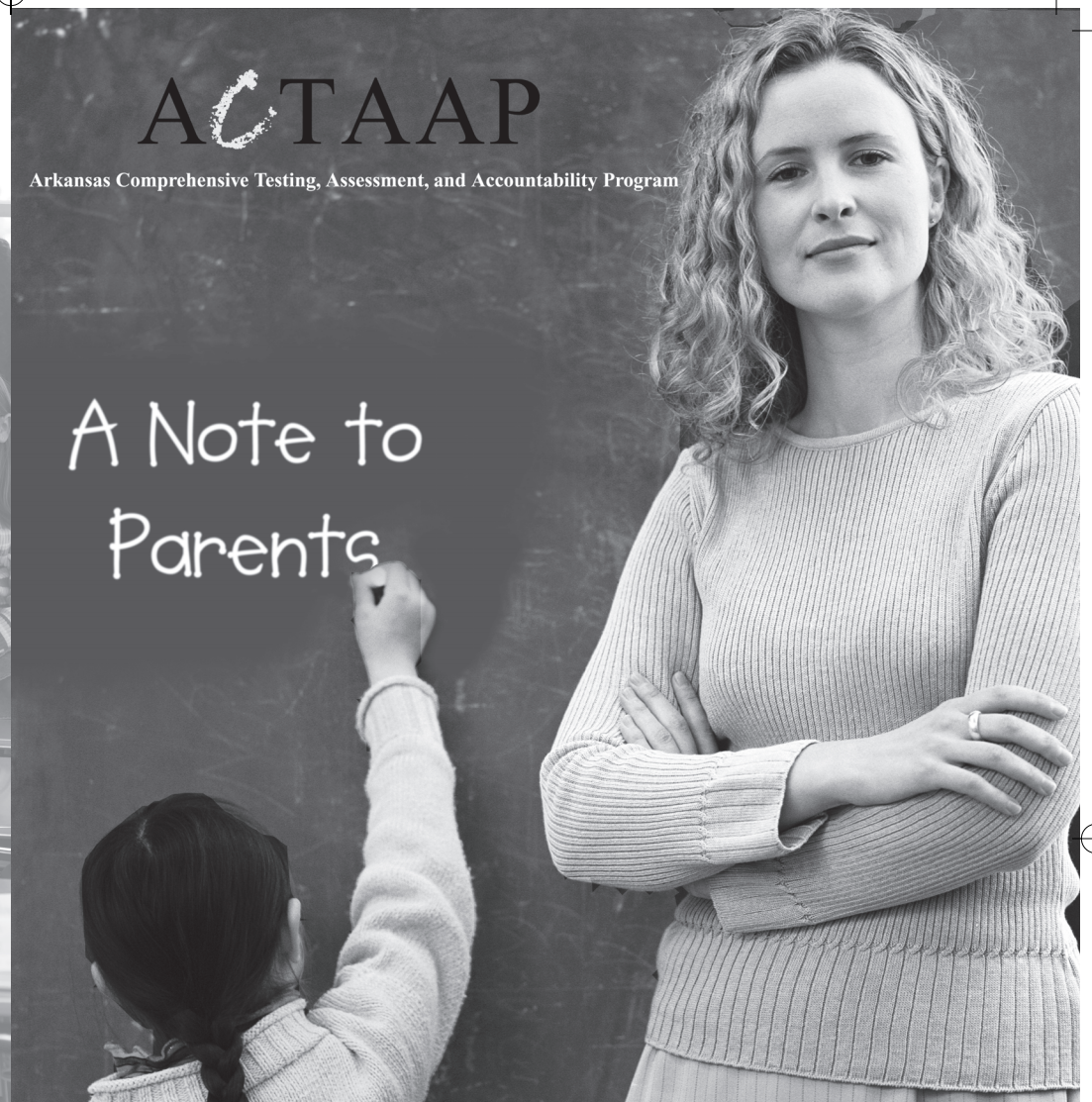




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A Note to Parents

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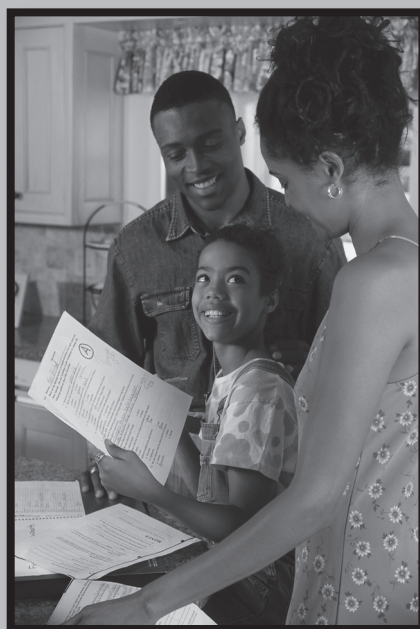
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Importance of the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program (ACTAAP)

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 14–18, 2008, and the administration of the *Stanford Achievement Test* for Kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 9 will be conducted on April 7–18, 2008.

It is important for parents to be aware of the purpose of the Augmented Benchmark Examinations and the *Stanford Achievement Test*, as well as the dates for testing. It is also essential that parents be involved in their children's ongoing preparation for testing and preparation immediately preceding testing.



How Parents Can Help

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

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

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

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