

# ASPIRE Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

# Q: How much does the ASPIRE program cost?

A: The ASPIRE program is free for schools and youth-based organizations. Only a signed agreement, called a Memorandum of Understanding, is required from each organization. Once you have submitted the **ASPIRE Interest Survey**, we will send a tailored agreement for you to sign.

# Q: How long does the program take to complete?

A: The program takes approximately three hours to complete. This includes time for students to take two tests and five quizzes as part of the program.

#### Q: Does ASPIRE teach students about cannabis use?

A: ASPIRE focuses on tobacco education but does briefly touch on the dangers of cannabis use. For additional resources regarding cannabis use in teens, please refer to our **Additional Resources page**.

#### Q: Can a student enroll in ASPIRE more than once?

A: ASPIRE is designed for students to complete once. If a student needs to complete ASPIRE more than once, they must enroll again by creating a new account using a different username and email address.

# Q: Does ASPIRE have to be taught by an educator?

A: No, ASPIRE is a self-paced prevention program. Students create their own accounts and take the program using any smart device.

## Q: Should ASPIRE be assigned to students as homework or does it have to be completed in class?

A: ASPIRE is designed to be flexible and fit the needs of students and educators. If students have a laptop or smart device, they can complete ASPIRE in the classroom or at home.

## Q: What is considered a passing grade for ASPIRE? And can it be changed?

A: The passing grade for ASPIRE is 70% and above. This cannot be changed in the ASPIRE database.

#### Q: If a student fails ASPIRE, do they have to take the course again?

A: No, students who fail ASPIRE are not required to take the course again. However, educators can require students scoring score below a 70% to re-take the program. Those students will need to enroll again using a different username and email address.

# Q: I'm an educator who is interested in using ASPIRE in my school/organization. How do I get started?

A: Great! The first step is to complete our **ASPIRE Interest Survey**. Once the survey has been submitted an ASPIRE team member will contact you about next steps.

# Q: Can I use ASPIRE as an alternative to suspension for students found to have used tobacco on my campus?

A: ASPIRE is a prevention program and was not designed to be used as a disciplinary tool for students who have violated campus tobacco policies. In these cases, we recommend using a program created specifically for students currently using tobacco products. Some examples can be found on our **Additional Resources page**.

# Q: I'm a parent and I want to sign my child up for the ASPIRE program. How can I do that?

A: The ASPIRE program is not available for individual use by students. If you would like your child to have access to the ASPIRE program, please share the information with your child's middle or high school administrator/teacher and the ASPIRE team will work with their educators to bring ASPIRE to their school. There are also additional educational resources listed on our **Additional Resources page**.

# Q: I'm an educator and I want to sign my student up for ASPIRE, but don't see my school listed on the ASPIRE student site. How do I set my students up to begin ASPIRE?

A: Students should not create accounts unless they are part of a school or organization that has signed an agreement to implement ASPIRE. If you would like your students to have access to the ASPIRE program, please work with leadership at your middle or high school to bring ASPIRE to your school. There are also additional educational resources listed on our **Additional Resources page**.

**Q:** I want to view the ASPIRE program to see what my student/child will learn. How do I create an account? A: If you would like to receive an unlocked student test account, complete our ASPIRE Interest Survey and select "Access to an unlocked student test account to preview ASPIRE" under requested services. Adults should not create test accounts on the student portal.

# Q: My school used the ASPIRE program in the past but stopped. I would like to start using the program again with my students. Can you help me?

A: Please reach out to the ASPIRE team at <u>Aspire@MDAnderson.org</u> with the name of your school and we will confirm that your school has access to the program. We may need to renew our agreement with your school leadership to open access again.

## Q: How do I gain access to the ASPIRE administrator portal?

A: The administrator portal is available for educators from schools or organizations that have signed an agreement to implement ASPIRE. If your school has signed an agreement, then an administrator at your school can create an account for you. If you need additional assistance, contact the ASPIRE team at <a href="mailto:Aspire@MDAnderson.org">Aspire@MDAnderson.org</a>.

Visit **MDAnderson.org/Aspire** for more information on how to bring the ASPIRE program to your organization.

