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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Leaders
 Associate Deputy Directors
 Education Program Administrators

FROM: Dr. Valerie Todacheene, Acting Chief Academic Officer 

SUBJECT: Standards, Assessments and Accountability System for Bureau of Indian Education Funded Schools for School Year 2022-2023

The Bureau of Indian Education’s (BIE) Chief Academic Office (CAO) is pleased to provide information regarding the BIE-unified Standards, Assessments and Accountability System (SAAS) for BIE-funded schools for School Year (SY) 2022-2023. BIE’s SAAS is in accordance with BIE regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 30 and outlined and published in the BIE Agency Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

A summary of BIE’s Standards and Assessments for SY 2022-2023 are listed below:

Subject	Standards	Assessment	Vendor
English Language Arts and Mathematics	Based on College and Career Readiness Standards	BIE ELA and Math Assessment	Pearson
Alternate English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science	Based on College and Career Readiness Standards	BIE Alternate Assessment	Cognia/Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)
Science	Next Generation Science Standards	BIE Science Assessment	Cognia
English Language Proficiency	English Language Development Standards	Access for English Learners	World-Class Instructional Design Assessments (WIDA)

Currently, the BIE Accountability Report is being prepared and is aligned to the BIE Agency Plan. This report will focus on SY 2021-2022 data. BIE will carefully consider the Bureau-wide results of the English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Alternate and English Language Proficiency to establish baseline data, reset short and long-term goals and possibly adjust the assignment of points to the overall Accountability System. Other accountability indicators (e.g., 5-year graduation cohort rate, Tribal Civics, and growth model) that were identified in the Final Rule (25 C.F.R § 30.100-126) will be incorporated in subsequent amendments to the BIE Agency Plan.

All BIE-funded schools are required to administer the BIE-unified assessments unless both BIE and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have granted a waiver for SY 2022-23 in accordance with 25 C.F.R. Part 30. BIE and ED will not be able to timely approve any waiver requests for SY22-23 submitted from this point forward. The SY 2022-2023 Assessment Testing Windows are as follows and are subject to change:

- English Language Proficiency, January 23 – March 3, 2023
- Alternate (ELA/Math/Science), March 13 – April 28, 2023
- ELA/Math, March 20 – April 28, 2023
- Science, April 3 – May 12, 2023

To prepare for upcoming virtual test coordinator trainings for the BIE-unified assessments, the CAO team has requested contact information for school test coordinators including name, position, email, and phone number, for each subject area including English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Alternate and English Language Proficiency. If you have any questions on the test coordinator trainings or to provide your test coordinators’ updated information, please refer to the contact list at the end of this memo.

We look forward to receiving the requested information and to begin the implementation of BIE’s unified SAAS during SY 2022-2023. Our team is prepared to answer any questions your team and schools may have regarding the BIE assessments. Please visit BIE/CAO Assessments online and the BIE calendar of events for future updates at <https://www.bie.edu/landing-page/assessments-and-accountability>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the CAO team. Our contact information is provided below.

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