U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Education

ADJUSTED COHORT GRADUATION RATES AND DATA ACCURACY

MISSION

The mission of the BIE is to provide students at BIE-funded schools with a culturally relevant, high-quality education that prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to flourish in the opportunities of tomorrow, become healthy and successful individuals, and lead their communities and sovereign nations to a thriving future that preserves their unique cultural identities.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide the definition for graduation rate as applicable federal reporting.
- To promote the importance of accurately encoding student data, in NASIS, that is used for graduation rate calculations.
- To emphasize importance of graduation data quality for federal reporting.
- To promote use of graduation data to support school improvement planning efforts.

WHAT IS THE 4-YEAR ADJUSTED COHORT GRADUATION RATE?

- The federal definition of the *4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate* is the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who entered high school four years earlier (adjusting for transfers in and out, émigrés and deceased students).

REVISION TO 4-YEAR ADJUSTED COHORT GRADUATION RATE

- The federal definition was revised to include students with a ***State-defined*** alternate high school diploma for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

ACGR FORMULA

GR = Graduation Rate

g = number of cohort members who graduated

c = number in original cohort

t_i = transfers-in

t_o = transfers out

o = other cohort deductions

Cohort Total = $c + t_i - t_o + o$

$$GR = \frac{g}{c + t_i - t_o - o} \times 100$$

WHY DOES THE BIE COLLECT GRADUATION DATA

1. EDFacts Reporting

- **150 Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate**
- **151 Cohorts for Regulatory Adjusted-Cohort Graduation Rate**
- **160 High School Graduates Postsecondary Enrollment**
- **40 Graduates/Completers**
- **32 Dropouts**
- **199 Graduation Rate Indicator Status**

2. SEA & LEA School Report Cards

- **High School Graduation Rate**

3. Accountability Determinations

- **[High School] Graduation Indicator [1]**

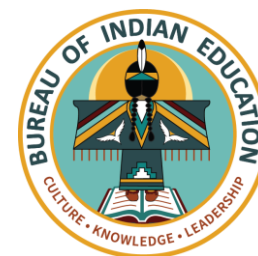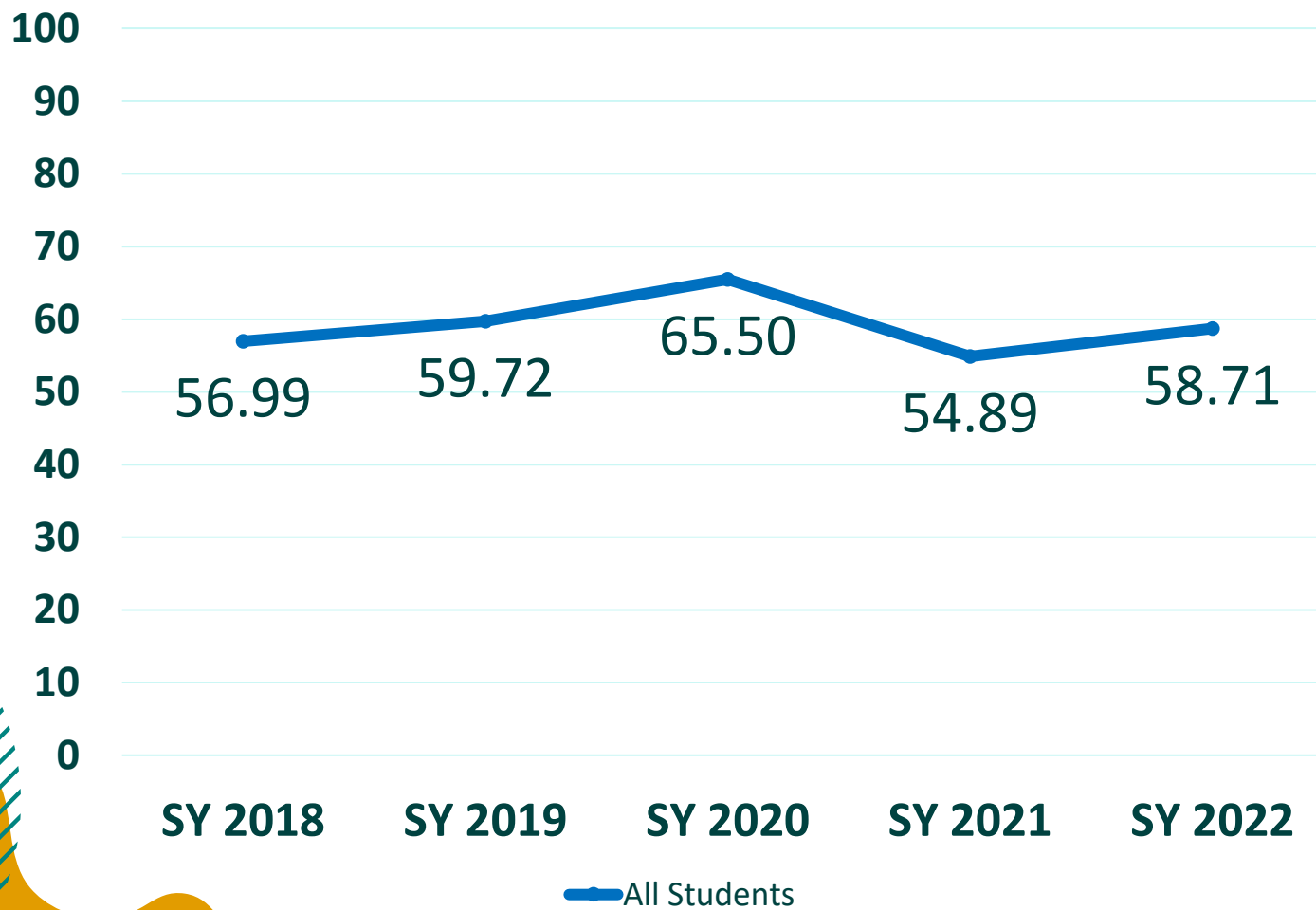**4. AS-IA Annual Report Program Performance Measures**

- **Graduation Rate Performance Measure**

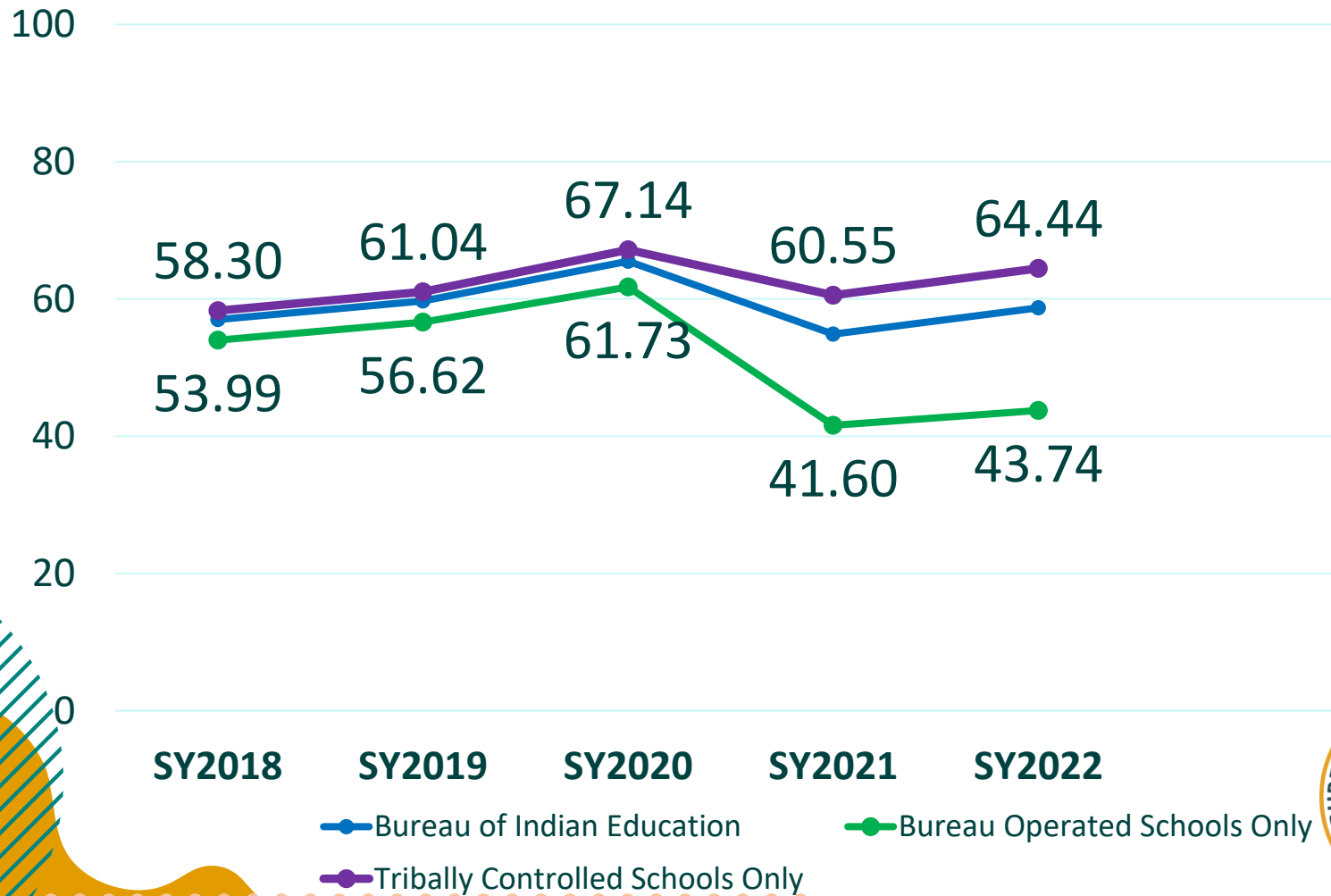*[1] K-8 schools Use Science as an indicator*
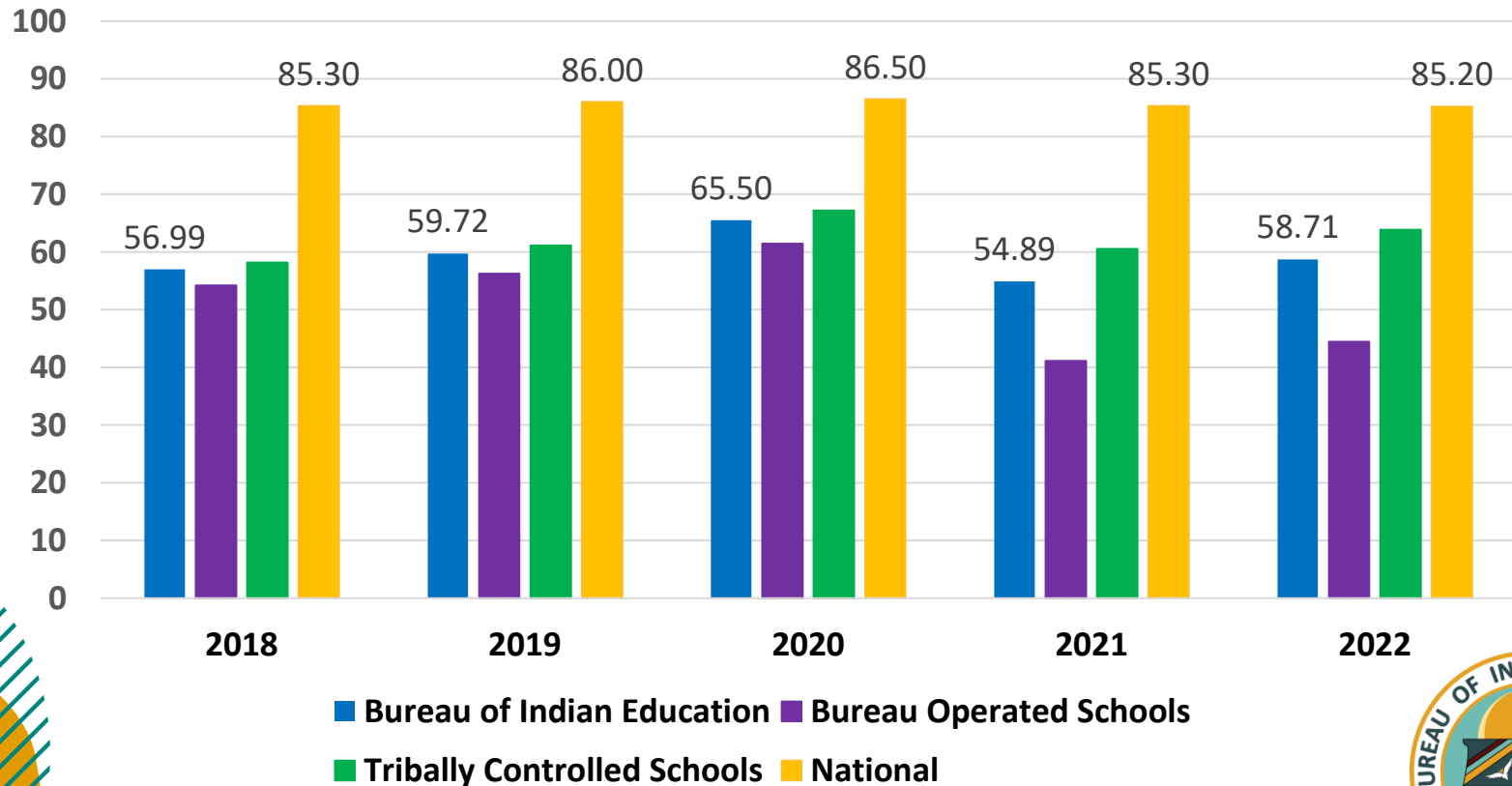
BIE ACGR FROM 2018-2022

4-YEAR ADJUSTED COHORT GRADUATION RATES (%) - ALL STUDENTS

Chart data:

	SY 2018	SY 2019	SY 2020	SY 2021	SY 2022
All Students	56.99	59.72	65.50	54.89	58.71

BIE FIVE-YEAR ACGR TRENDS: BIE, BOS, AND TCS

Line chart showing ACGR trends from SY2018 to SY2022.

- Tribally Controlled Schools Only (purple): SY2018 58.30, SY2019 61.04, SY2020 67.14, SY2021 60.55, SY2022 64.44
- Bureau Operated Schools Only (green): SY2018 53.99, SY2019 56.62, SY2020 61.73, SY2021 41.60, SY2022 43.74

Legend:
- Bureau of Indian Education
- Bureau Operated Schools Only
- Tribally Controlled Schools Only

BIE, BOS, AND TCS ACGR 5 YEAR TRENDS COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL ACGR

Year	Bureau of Indian Education	National
2018	56.99	85.30
2019	59.72	86.00
2020	65.50	86.50
2021	54.89	85.30
2022	58.71	85.20

Legend:
- Bureau of Indian Education
- Bureau Operated Schools
- Tribally Controlled Schools
- National

BIE ACGR COMPARED TO STATES WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BIE SCHOOLS (NA/AN ONLY)
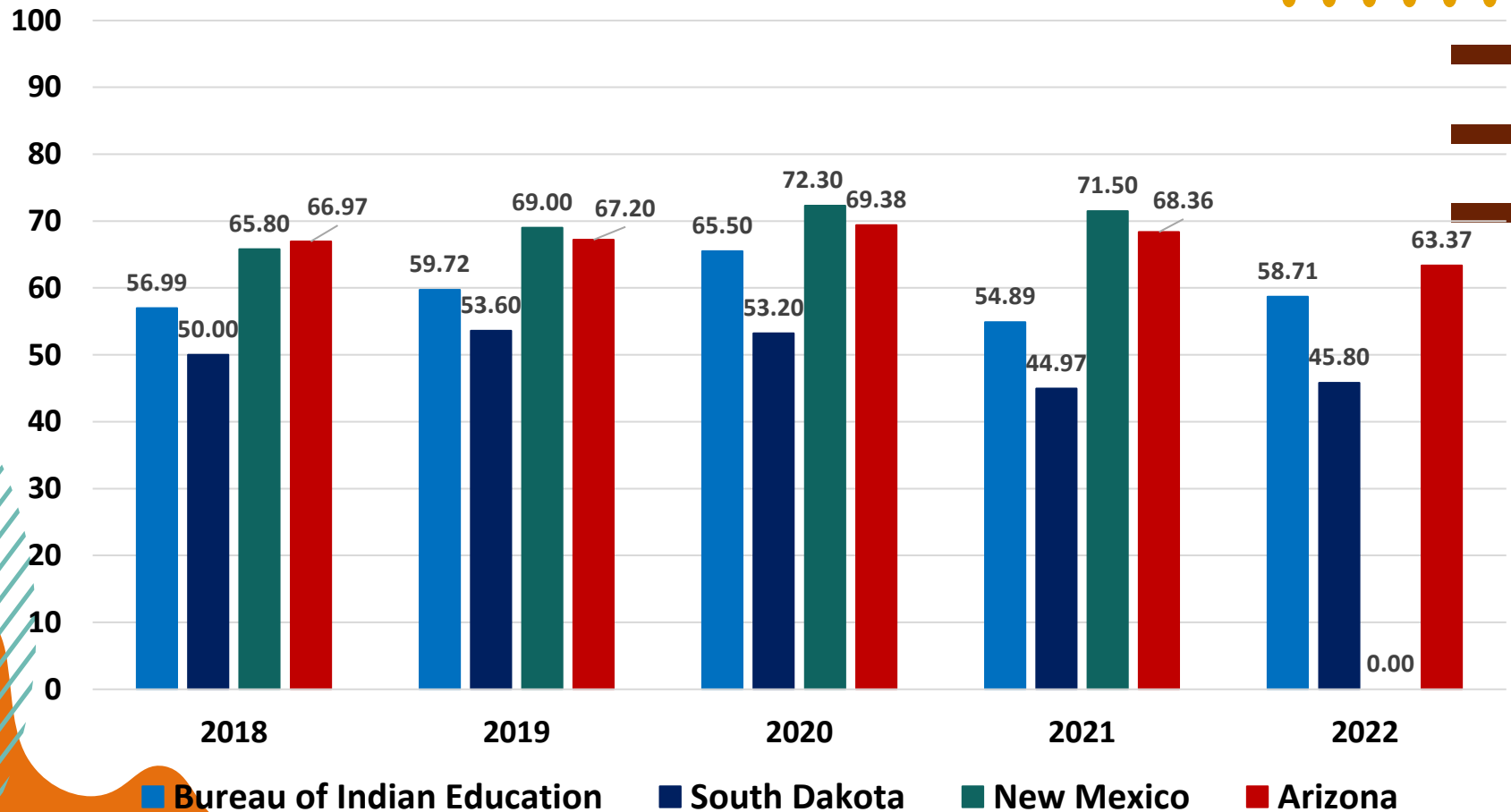
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Thank You Tansi