



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Leaders
 Associate Deputy Directors
 Education Program Administrators

FROM: Carmelia Becenti, Chief Academic Officer *Carmelia Becenti*

SUBJECT: Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System for
 Bureau of Indian Education Funded Schools for School
 Year 2023-2024

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) 2023-2024. 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 2023-2024 are listed below:

Subject	Standards	Assessment	Vendor
English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics	Based on College and Career Readiness Standards	BIE ELA and Mathematics 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)

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 2023-2024 in accordance with 25 C.F.R. Part 30. All waiver requests submitted after the date of this letter will be for SY 2024-2025 and on. The SY 2023-2024 Assessment Testing Windows are as follows and are subject to change:

- English Language Proficiency, January 22 – February 22, 2024
- Alternate (ELA/Math/Science), March 11 – April 26, 2024
- ELA/Math, March 18 – April 26, 2024
- Science, March 11 – April 19, 2024

We look forward to the implementation of BIE's unified SAAS during SY 2023-2024. 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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