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SUBJECT: Standards, Assessments and Accountability System for Bureau of Indian Education funded Schools for School Year 2021-2022

The Chief Academic Office is pleased to announce the implementation of the Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) unified Standards, Assessments and Accountability System (SAAS), in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) section 1111 (20 U.S.C. § 6311), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), for BIE funded schools, for School Year (SY) 2021-2022. The Standards and Assessments include English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Alternate and English Language Proficiency. The implementation of BIE's SAAS is 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 2021-2022 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)

The BIE Agency Plan will focus on SY 2021-2022 and will be updated thereafter as needed. The 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.

The following is a timeline of major events that led up to the development of BIE’s Agency Plan:

Date	Event
March 2020	Final Rule (25 C.F.R § 30.100-126) Published in the Federal Register
April 2020	Adoption of College and Career Readiness Standards for ELA and Math and Alternate ELA and Math, Next Generation Science Standards and English Language Development Standards
April 27 – May 1, 2020	Tribal Consultation on the BIE Agency Plan
January 2021	Approval of BIE’s Agency Plan by the U.S. Department of Education

The Office of the Chief Academic Officer will provide more information in the near future on key assessment dates and professional development opportunities on various aspects of BIE’s Assessments and Accountability.

The School Year 2021-2022 Assessment Testing Windows are as follows and subject to change:

- English Language Proficiency, January 24 – February 25, 2022
- Alternate (ELA/Math/Science), March 13 – April 29, 2022
- ELA/Math, March 21 – April 29, 2022
- Science, April 4 – May 13, 2022

To prepare for upcoming virtual test coordinator trainings for the BIE Assessments, please send contact information for school test coordinators including name, position, email and phone number, for each subject area, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Alternate and English Language Proficiency. To assist with updating test coordinator information, the Chief Academic Office will provide a spreadsheet to Tribally Controlled Schools. The Bureau Operated Schools will complete a “School Test Coordinator Update Information Sheet.” Additionally, you may send school test coordinator names and contacts directly to Dr. Valerie Todacheene via email to cao-assessments@bie.edu. School test coordinators need to be a certified staff member at the school site.

We look forward to receiving the requested information and to begin the implementation of BIE’s unified SAAS during SY 2021-2022. Please visit [BIE/CAO Assessments online](#) and [the BIE calendar of events](#) for future updates.