



SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDE

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<p>What is the BIE Summative Assessment?</p>	<p>The Bureau of Indian Education Summative Assessment Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively students in grades 3–8 and 11 have mastered the grade-level skills in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. • The results help families, teachers, and schools understand student progress.
<p>Test Dates</p>	<p>The Summative Assessment Window for ELA & Math is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 23 – May 1, 2026 • Schools schedule testing days for their students within this window.
<p>How to Prepare</p>	<p>In the Weeks Before Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage reading at home and discuss what your child is learning in class. • Establish routines that support consistent attendance. • Ensure your child has time for homework and practice tasks provided by teachers. <p>The Night Before Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your child gets 8–10 hours of sleep. • Help them pack materials allowed by their school. <p>The Morning of the Test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time. • Offer encouragement: a positive mindset helps confidence and focus!
<p>What students should expect on Test Day</p>	<p>What to Expect on Test Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quiet, secure testing environment free from distractions. • Tests given in structured sessions completed the same day they begin. • Breaks provided at designated times. • Only approved materials are allowed in the testing room.
<p>Parent Support Tips</p>	<p>How You Can Support Your Child on the BIE Summative Assessment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk positively about the test. • Avoid scheduling appointments during the testing window. • Monitor homework and study habits. • Ensure good attendance. • Work with teachers if your child needs extra support.
<p>Benefits</p>	<p>How does the assessment help support student learning and future success?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It shows academic progress. • Identifies strengths and areas for improvement. • It helps schools make data-informed decisions. • Supports college and career readiness. • Ensures all students are tested fairly.