



Montana

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Education Advocates

Chapter 55 School Accreditation

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Location: Zoom Meeting

Welcome/Introductions



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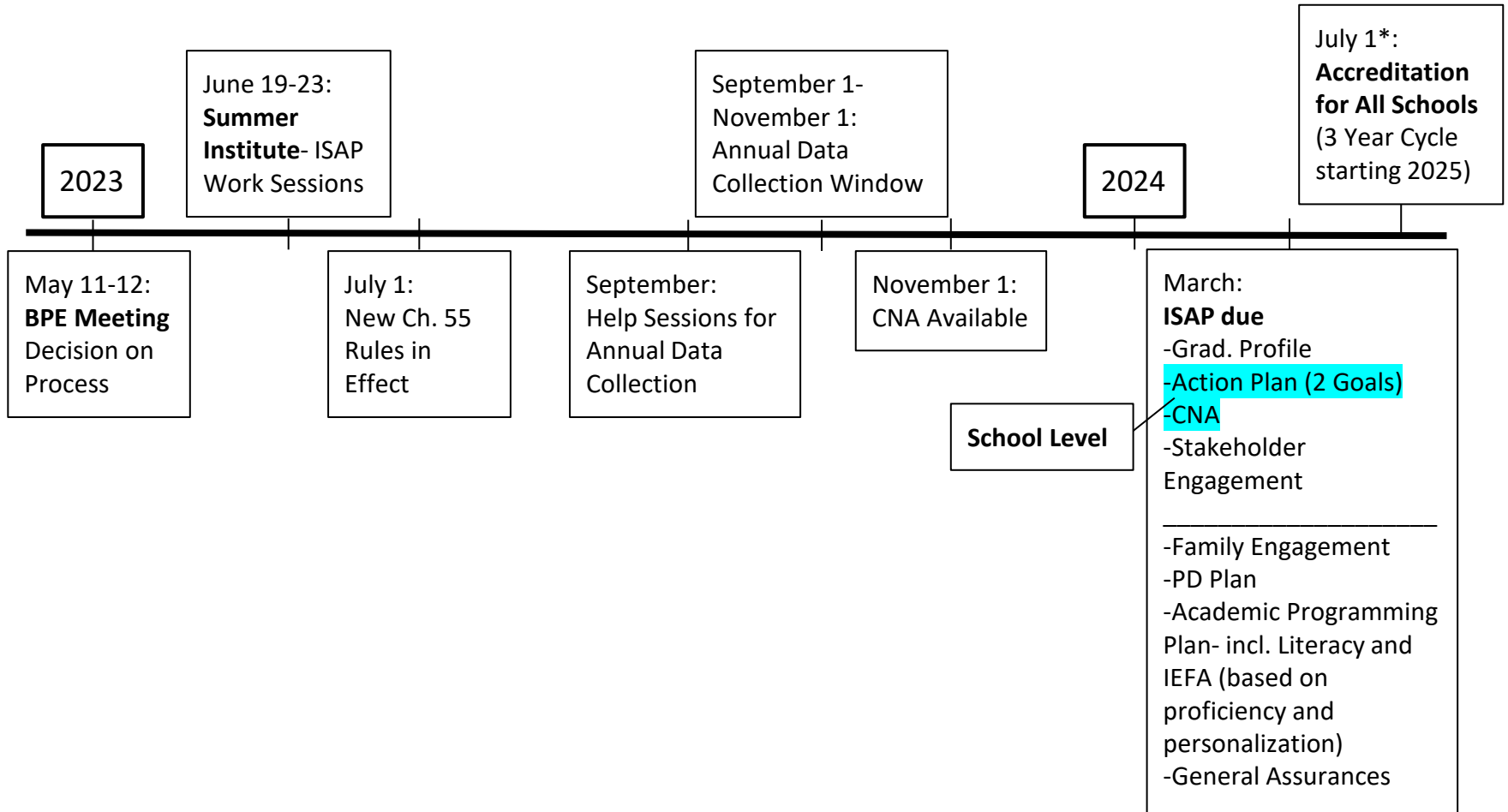
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Purposes

1. To share proposed changes to the accreditation process;
2. To familiarize educators with critical changes to ARM Chapter 55-Accreditation;
3. To initiate the discussion on the accreditation process and changes;
4. To outline next steps and gain stakeholder input.

Proposed 2023-24 Timeline





Annual Data Collection vs Accreditation

- The Annual Data Collection will **still** take place in the **Fall**.
 - **95%** moving to Infinite Campus, a few small things that will be collected in new Acc. Program
 - Schools still required to report that information **annually**
- Accreditation will be able to pull that data, but at a different time.
 - **Potentially spring instead of fall**
 - No longer in charge of the annual data collection

Data Programs

- The annual data collection information will be **moving** to Infinite Campus.
 - We will be able to pull the data needed for accreditation purposes
- There will be a new system being developed specifically for accreditation
 - This will allow for a complete separation from annual data collection.
- Schools already putting data in IC; so this significantly **reduces duplication** of data entry.



A Shift in Student Performance Standard Measures

Current Measures	New Measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Proficiency in ELA/Math on Statewide Assessments for Grades 3-8 and 11● Graduation Rates based on the 4 year Cohort data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Academic Growth● Proficiency on a Chosen Formative Assessment● College and Career Readiness● Learning Environment● Opportunity Gaps



Professional Development Opportunities

- **April 14th:** Learn more about the Graduate Profile-Hybrid/Billings 9:00am to 1:00pm
- **April 18th:** Any additional feedback is due by 9:00am
- **June 19th to 23rd:** Working sessions on ISAP at the summer institute.
- **July 1st:** New rules (Ch. 55) in effect.

- Superintendent acknowledges the importance of changing new graduation requirements effective date
- BPE held a special meeting April 12th about implementation date for ARM 10.55.905- Economics/Financial Literacy and Government/Civics
- July 1, 2023 was approved however after receiving feedback from districts the BPE acknowledged the need for more time to get proper curriculum, licensed teachers, and schedules that allow for the new requirements
- BPE voted unanimously to extend the effective date of ARM 10.55.905 to July 1, 2025
- This means the graduating class of 2026 would be the first class required
- Districts basic education offerings are still changing (10.55.904) and the courses need to be offered July 1, 2023

Thank you!

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