

Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

Date: November 15-17, 2023

Presentation	Presentation for Statewide Assessment Revision Timeline for ARM Title 10, Chapter 56.
Presenter(s)	Cedar Rose
Position Title	Assessment Director Office of Public Instruction
Overview	<p>This agenda item is presented to the BPE to approve the timeline and process for the revision of ARM Chapter 56: Statewide Assessment as aligned with 10.56.101</p> <p>Attached is a rationale statement, proposed timeline, and overview for the revision of the ARM Chapter 56.</p>
Requested Decision(s)	Action Item
Related Issue(s)	
Recommendation(s)	



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CHAPTER 56: Statewide Assessment

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Statewide Assessment Standards Revision Timeline and Overview

Rationale:

Using the negotiated rulemaking process involving independent stakeholder groups, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen is seeking to develop recommendations for the revision of Chapter 56: Assessment to reflect a major development in statewide assessments. In particular, the implementation of a flexible, innovative assessment system of short “testlets” in grades 3-8 mathematics and English language arts that will be administered through the year to align assessment more closely with learning, while also providing summative data that meet state and federal accountability needs. The through-year assessment system will be implemented at full scale for grades 3-8 during the 2024-2025 school year. The through-year assessment will replace existing summative assessments, thereby streamlining testing and setting the stage for modernizing the accountability system with a balanced system of assessment by which students can demonstrate growth and proficiency.

In order to ensure systems of assessments, accountability, and reporting work together to inform educational policy, address educational needs, and direct resources, the Superintendent is requesting the Board of Public Education to consider opening ARM Chapter 56:Assessment to adopt and amend rules relating to student assessment pursuant to ARM [10.56.101](#).

Proposed Timeline:

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| ▪ BPE approves rulemaking timeline | Nov. 15-17, 2023 |
| ▪ Proposal notice to BPE for consideration | March 7-8, 2024 |
| ▪ BPE authorization to publish proposal notice, including public hearing date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes expert panel/work session (9) and notice (10) | March 7-8, 2024 |
| ▪ Proposal notice to SOS for publication in MAR | March 2024 |
| ▪ MAR publication of proposal notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment begins | March 2024 |
| ▪ Public hearing date | April 2024 |
| ▪ Final public comment deadline | April 2024 |
| ▪ Adoption notice to BPE for consideration/respond to comments | May 9-10, 2024 |
| ▪ BPE authorization to publish adoption notice | July 17-19, 2024 |
| ▪ Adoption notice to SOS for publication in MAR | July 2024 |
| ▪ MAR publication of adoption notice | July 2024 |
| ▪ Effective date of rules | August 2024 |

**The Board of Public Education may revise the above dates, based on the requirements of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act and the rulemaking statutes.*

Overview:

Negotiated Rulemaking (4 months)

The OPI will

- Select committee members
- Convene committee
- Create Economic Impact Statements and present to the Interim Education Committee of the Legislature

Rule Adoption (3 months)

The OPI will

- Present Superintendent's recommendation to the Board of Public Education (BPE)

The BPE will

- Conduct public hearings
- Vote to adopt administrative rules

Implementation

The OPI will

- Identify and create resources
- Identify and create professional development

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