

Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

Date: September 14-15, 2023

Presentation	Presentation for Statewide Assessment Revision Timeline for ARM Title 10, Chapter 56.
Presenter(s)	Cedar Rose, Assessment Director
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Overview	<p>This agenda item is presented to the BPE to consider 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)	Informational 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:

Presentation to BPE to open Chapter 56:	September 14-15, 2023
Board Approval of Timeline Revision:	November 15-17, 2023
Research and Review:	November 2023 - December 2024
Revision:	January 2024 - February 2024
Negotiated Rulemaking:	March 2023 - June 2024
Adoption Phase:	June 2024 - September 2024
Adoption:	September 2024
Implementation:	October 2024

Overview:

Research and Review (2 months)

The OPI may

- Gather and identify resources
- Conduct comparison of current standards to research and data
- Conduct focus groups

Revision (2 months)

The OPI will

- Select revision team members
- Convene revision team

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 (4 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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