



# SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDE

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<p><b>What is the BIE Summative Assessment?</b></p>	<p><b>The Bureau of Indian Education Summative Assessment Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How effectively students in <b>grades 3–8</b> and <b>11</b> have mastered the grade-level skills in <b>English Language Arts (ELA)</b> and <b>Mathematics</b>.</li> <li>• The results help families, teachers, and schools understand student progress.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Test Dates</b></p>	<p><b>The Summative Assessment Window for ELA &amp; Math is:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ELA</b> - March 31 – April 2, 2026 (2 Sections)</li> <li>• <b>Math</b> – April 6-9, 2026 (3 Sections)</li> </ul>
<p><b>How to Prepare</b></p>	<p><b>In the Weeks Before Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage reading at home and discuss what your child is learning in class.</li> <li>• Establish routines that support consistent attendance.</li> <li>• Ensure your child has time for homework and practice tasks provided by teachers.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Night Before Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child gets 8–10 hours of sleep.</li> <li>• Help them pack materials allowed by their school.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Morning of the Test:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time.</li> <li>• Offer encouragement: a positive mindset helps confidence and focus!</li> </ul>
<p><b>What students should expect on Test Day</b></p>	<p><b>What to Expect on Test Day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>quiet, secure testing environment</b> free from distractions.</li> <li>• Tests given in structured sessions <b>completed the same day they begin</b>.</li> <li>• Breaks provided at designated times.</li> <li>• Only approved materials are allowed in the testing room.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parent Support Tips</b></p>	<p><b>How You Can Support Your Child on the BIE Summative Assessment?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk positively about the test.</li> <li>• Avoid scheduling appointments during the testing window.</li> <li>• Monitor homework and study habits.</li> <li>• Ensure good attendance.</li> <li>• Work with teachers if your child needs extra support.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Benefits</b></p>	<p><b>How does the assessment help support student learning and future success?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It shows academic progress.</li> <li>• Identifies strengths and areas for improvement.</li> <li>• It helps schools make data-informed decisions.</li> <li>• Supports college and career readiness.</li> <li>• Ensures all students are tested fairly.</li> </ul>