



BIE Science Benchmark *Now Available*



Dear Educator,

The BIE Science Benchmark assessment is now available for both computer-based and paper-based testing. The Science Benchmark is offered as an optional, within-year, periodic assessment for use in BIE schools. The assessment will be offered at three grade levels – grade 5, middle school, and high school biology. Each assessment will consist of 10–12 selected-response items followed by 2 open response items. All items are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Within each grade band, there will be four forms available. Each form will cover different standards and topics. This model allows teachers to assign the form that aligns with the content being covered in their classroom. There is no set window for each form, so teachers can schedule the assessments according to their curriculum pacing.

Administration

The Science Benchmark administration testing window will **open Thursday, September 21, 2023**, and will remain open through Friday, March 8, 2024.

Computer-Based Test

The computer-based version of the Science Benchmark will be administered in the same format as the spring summative assessment. Tests must be assigned and scheduled through the BIE Science Portal. Students can test through a kiosk or a secure browser at <https://bie.cognia.org/student/login>.

Print-Ready Benchmark Forms

PDF files are available for download and print in the BIE Science Portal.

1. Log in to <https://bie.cognia.org>.
2. Choose “Administration.”
3. On the home page, there will be a zip file available for download for each grade.
 - a. This zip file will include all four forms and an answer key for each form.
4. Print as needed to administer to your students.

As a reminder, training recordings and presentations are posted to the [Training page](#) of the BIE Science Help & Support site for your reference.

Please contact the BIE Science Help Desk with any questions by phone (800-887-7027), by e-mail (BIETechSupport@cognia.org), or use the [Live Chat Link](#) on the [BIE Help & Support Site](#).

- Standard hours: Monday–Friday, from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (ET)
 - 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (CT)
 - 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (MT)
 - 6:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (PT)