

Assessment Lunch & Learn Office Hours

October 11th, 2023

Please post questions you may have in the chat box – we will work to answer them during the session and add them to a Q&A document.

We will begin shortly.



Welcome

Krista Averill, General Assessments Coordinator

Jodi Bossio-Smith, Director of Assessment

Dr. Regina Lewis, NAEP and International Assessments Coordinator

Leah Jarvis, Business Analyst

Today's Agenda

General Updates:

- Maine Through Year and Maine Science Assessments
- National and International Assessments
- Alternate & ELP Assessments



Technical Assistance

SAU Request Form for Technical Assistance

Assessment technical assistance is available to all SAUs upon request

Targeted technical assistance continues to focus on participation across the MEA



Maine Through Year Assessment

Required fall administration: October 2 - 27

Students must be rostered in Synergy in order to appear in the Acacia platform.

- At 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, a daily roster file is created containing all updates in Synergy from that day.
- At 8:00 a.m. the next weekday, the file is uploaded by a member of the Assessment Team into Acacia.

Maine Comprehensive Assessment System (MECAS) Guidelines contains guidance on enrollment, including for homeschooled students and international students

- Guidelines found [here](#), below the introductory graphic and text



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Required Proctor Training Video

Manuals and Guides: Available on the [NWEA Maine Connections website](#)

- [Assessment Coordinator Guide](#) – Assessment Coordinators
- [Assessment Checklist](#) – Assessment Coordinators
- [User and Student Management Guide](#) – Assessment Coordinators and Data Administrators
- [Accessibility Guide](#) – Assessment Coordinators, Special Education Directors, Educators
- [Assessment Administration Manual](#) – Proctors
- [Manage Online Testing](#) - Proctors

Additional Resources: Available on the [Maine DOE's Through Year Assessment Website](#)



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Resolving Technical Issues in the Acacia Platform

1. Special Education Records

Identified Problem: Some students' special education records have not been updated in the student's profile in Acacia. Although the student has an IEP, the special education flag is marked N.

Action Required by SAUs: None. Please do not attempt to change student demographic information in the Acacia platform. An "N" in the student's special education record in Acacia does not prevent the SAU from assigning accommodations or from assessing the student. The Maine DOE Data Team is working towards a solution at this time. If you have concerns regarding special education records, the SAU's responsibility is to ensure that Synergy is up-to-date.



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Resolving Technical Issues in the Acacia Platform

2. Students Missing from Manage Online Testing Groups

Identified Problem: A small percentage of students appear in the Acacia platform when searched for using the View and Edit feature (or Find Student icon), BUT the students do not appear in the Manage Online Testing groups. As a result, there is no test ticket information for these students.

Action Required by SAUs: NWEA Partner Support has identified two SAU-level solutions:

- If the number of students missing from Manage Online Testing is small, the SAU can go into each student's profile in Acacia, click the Accessibility Supports tab, scroll to the bottom of the page, and Save Updates.
- If the number of students missing from Manage Online Testing is large, download a Registration report from Operational Reports. Re-upload the same csv file via Students>Upload.

Both of these solutions will force students into Manage Online Testing. If these solutions are not working for you, please reach out to NWEA Partner Support at (855) 430-1777.



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Preliminary Statewide Spring 2023 Results

- Shared via email with Superintendents and District Assessment Coordinators
- *Preliminary*: Includes all students who assessed and received a Maine-specific scaled score
 - Students who did not meet FAY (Full Academic Year) status are included in the preliminary results.
- Because the results are preliminary, they are not intended for public consumption and will not be posted online.
 - Spring 2023 reports will be posted in the ESSA Dashboard for public consumption after students who did not meet FAY have been removed from the data set.
 - School and SAU administrators can request a copy of the preliminary statewide results to share with their staff by emailing Krista.Averill@maine.gov.



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Fall 2023 Student Score Reports

- Instructors need to be assigned to a Reporting Group in order to see their students' results
 - [User and Student Management Guide](#) Part 7
- RIT scores are available within the Acacia platform within 48 to 72 hours
- MAP Growth reports become available approximately 2 weeks after the close of the administration window and the SAU, state, and NWEA data cleanup windows
 - To have access to MAP Growth reports at that time, please roster your students in the MAP Growth platform.
 - After the close of the administration window, SAUs will have access to a MAP Growth Roster Errors report to facilitate data cleanup at the SAU level.



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Upcoming Sessions

- NWEA Professional Learning - [Register](#)
 - Intro to Reports – Administrators
 - October 12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 - October 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
 - Intro to Reports – Teachers
 - October 11, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
 - October 23, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Through Year Assessment Scoring and Reporting Q&A
 - October 31, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 - Submit your questions in advance using this [form](#)
 - [Register](#)
 - Q&A document will be created and sent to all registrants, as well as posted online



Maine Science Assessment

Spring 2023 Student Score Reports

- Working with KU Achievement & Assessment Institute to develop new score reports
- At SAU, school, and student levels
- Anticipate availability to SAUs late October or early November 2023

Spring 2024 Administration Window

- May 13 – May 24, 2024

Practice Tests Are Now Available!

[Practice Assessments and Tutorials](https://adamexam.com/tester/)

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General Assessments: What's in the works?

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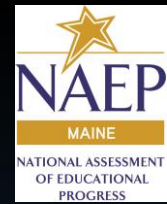
- Continued resolution of rostering errors caused by mismatch between name, birthdate, and/or gender in spring 2023 and fall 2023 student records
 - If you are missing a student from Acacia who appears in your NEO assessment roster, this is likely the cause of this problem. Please reach out to Krista and cc:Jodi as these require manual fixes by Maine DOE.
- Working with NWEA to finalize a RIT comparability one-pager for stakeholders
- Working with NWEA to provide SAUs the opportunity to edit Reporting Groups for Spring 2023
- Development of slides for the Scoring & Reporting Q&A
- Winter administration preparation
- Reviewing statistics for Spring 2023 high school math items with NWEA's Content and Psychometrics Teams to inform item development moving forward

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- Finalizing and quality checking reports for their upcoming release to the field
- Preparation of manuals and guides for Spring 2023 administration



National & International Assessments



NAEP 2024

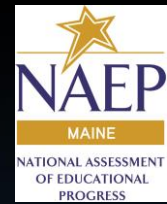
Administration Window:

January 29, 2024 – March 8, 2024

- What is new?
 - New Assessment Management System
 - Transitioning to device agnostic assessment
 - Using school internet
 - Need both a School Coordinator (main point of contact) & Onsite Technology Coordinator
 - Must be onsite to assist on the date of assessment administration



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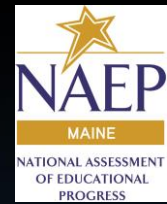
NAEP 2024 Upcoming steps

- School Coordinators should be completing the Grade Information Tile
 - Current enrollment for the selected grade(s)
 - When does winter break begin in December?
 - When does winter break end in January?
- Onsite Technology Coordinators
 - Designate Coordinator – forward contact information or enter in AMS
 - Coordinator registers in AMS
 - Safe-listing and Speed testing begin
- NAEP Field Teams will begin training (November)
- State-level student list submission (November)

If you are a DAC and you would like access to the NAEP Assessment Management system (AMS), please email regina.lewis@maine.gov to request access.



National & International Assessments



NAEP 2024 AMS – Important Clarification

Import Students

N/A Reported grade 4 enrollment	State Student list provider	Import available October 2, 2023
17 Common Core of Data estimate	~17 Will be selected (approximately)	Import due November 17, 2023
		Status Not started
		State Unique Student ID SSID, 9 characters
		Former English Learners (EL) Not coded separately for NAEP

Select **Import students** to view instructions or import your list. [Import students →](#)

- School Coordinators currently see the "Import Students Tile" in the AMS
 - School Coordinators – report/enter grade enrollment
 - State Coordinator provides the student list in November
 - AMS developers understand this is a point of confusion

If you or your school team have any questions, please email regina.lewis@maine.gov.



MSAA and MSAA Science

Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS)

Administration Window:

March 11 – April 26, 2024

Spring 2023 MSAA Science Reports will be available in the MSAA Platform October 17th – 28th

Alternate Assessment Listserv



ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Maine's general and alternate assessments of English language proficiency,
for students identified as multilingual learners

Administration Window:
January 8 – March 3, 2024

Important Pre-Administration Dates:

11/8/23 – Maine DOE uploads the student roster file (Synergy and NEO) to WIDA AMS, generating the initial materials shipments

11/28/23 – Test sessions are available for setup by SAUs

12/14/23 – SAUs receive printed materials



Support Available

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