

Office Hours: February 14, 2024 Q&A

Resources

- [Slides](#)
- [Assessment Calendar](#)
- [SAU Technical Assistance Form](#)

Maine Through Year

Resource

- [SAU Data Clean-Up Checklist](#)
- [Maine Through Year Assessment Purpose Survey](#) – To be completed only **one** time per SAU
- Assessment Coordinator Training Registration Links – *Both trainings are the same. Assessment Coordinators need only attend one.*
 - [March 21, 3:00-4:30 PM](#)
 - [March 26, 3:00-4:30 PM](#)
- “Understanding Scores from the Maine Through Year Assessment” Professional Learning Registration Links
 - [February 27, 3:30-5:00 PM](#)
 - [March 7, 3:30-5:00 PM](#)

Questions

Was the winter NWEA assessment changed? I have a lot of principals saying that the winter assessment seemed quite a bit more difficult than previous years.

The Maine DOE Assessment Team has shared with NWEA the concerns expressed by the field regarding differences in this winter’s administration, particularly on the math assessment in the elementary grades. At this time, NWEA’s response is the following:

The test design administered on NWEA's testing platform in fall and winter administrations in Maine is – for all intents and purposes – the same test model as currently administered in our MAP Growth assessment. The primary difference is that the delivery engine is our Acacia state platform, which allows the assessment to be more easily administered as a state-level test to aggregate data and provide additional accessibility features for students.

In all other matters, there is no material difference in the test design. The fall and winter assessments in the Maine Through Year Assessment follow the same test design, adaptive algorithms, and scoring rules as our MAP Growth assessment.

Given the reports from the field, however, the Maine DOE Assessment Team has requested that NWEA continue to investigate both the administration of the mathematics assessment to specific students with unusual Item Responses by Instructional Area on their Student Dynamic Reports, as well as the math assessment results globally. We will share the results of that investigation with the field when they become available.

Why can't the MAP Growth assessment be used for fall and winter testing? Not having immediate access to the MAP Growth reports has been frustrating?

Maine DOE has no access to MAP Growth reports, as MAP Growth is no longer part of the state assessment program. Although not accessible to the Maine Department of Education, these reports are still provided to SAUs for their use, provided that the SAU rosters their students in the MAP Growth platform, known as MARC. All state assessment data needs to be maintained in one platform, the Acacia platform.

NWEA is currently working on a technical enhancement that will allow nightly syncing of Maine Through Year Assessment RIT score data into MAP Growth reports. We expect that this enhancement will become available by April 22, the first day of the spring 2024 administration window.

Will the required data for the Comprehensive Needs Assessment be provided without having to make a request via the Data Warehouse?

The document [Accessing Maine Through Year Assessment Data for the Comprehensive Needs Assessment](#) has been developed to provide SAUs with guidance in independently accessing Maine Through Year Assessment data for use in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

Will Maine DOE create a communication document for families to explain the Individual Student Reports?

The *Spring 2023 and Spring 2024 Supplemental Page for Families* was posted on the [Maine Through Year Assessment webpage](#) and shared via the Monthly Update in December 2023. Please see our [webpage](#) for translations of each grade-level document into Arabic, Chinese, French, Kinyarwanda, Lingala, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

- [Grade 3 \(English\)](#)
- [Grade 4 \(English\)](#)
- [Grade 5 \(English\)](#)
- [Grade 6 \(English\)](#)
- [Grade 7 \(English\)](#)
- [Grade 8 \(English\)](#)
- [High School \(English\)](#)

Can we expect growth information, such as appears on MAP Growth reports, on the Individual Student Reports in the future?

The data and information that can appear on the Individual Student Reports must also be contained in the Student Score Data File (SSDF).

Maine DOE has requested the inclusion of growth data typically found in MAP Growth reports, such as projected and observed growth, in future SSDFs. Unfortunately, NWEA has shared that due to the architecture of the Acacia platform, it is not possible to include growth-related data in the Student Score Data File. As such, it is not possible to include growth-related data in the Individual Student Report.

Only minimal changes to Individual Student Report (ISR) were possible for Spring 2024. At this time, the Maine DOE Assessment Team is waiting for more information from NWEA as to whether we can expect the opportunity to make more substantial improvements to the ISR for Spring 2025.

[Maine Science](#)

Resources

- [Score Interpretation Guide](#)
- [Reporting Platform Guide](#)
- Lockdown Browser Installation Training: March 28, 3:00-4:30 PM ([Registration Link](#))
- Rostering in ADAM & Accessibility Training: April 4, 3:00-4:30 PM ([Registration Link](#))
- Administration, Proctoring, & Accessibility Training: April 25, 3:00-4:30 ([Registration Link](#))

Questions

No questions at this time

NAEP & International

NAEP Resources

- Parent Notification Letter Translations are available in the top 10 languages spoken by the families of Maine Students at https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/materials/natint.
- NAEP Inclusion and Accommodation Policies are located at
- https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/materials/natint
- ***If you are experiencing difficulty registering or using the NAEP Assessment Management System, please contact the NAEP Helpdesk. Phone: 1-800-283-6237 or Email: naephelp@westat.com***

Questions

No questions at this time

ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS (English language proficiency)

Resources

- Test Administrator Essentials, Test Administration Manual, Accessibility and Accommodations Guide and more can be found on the Maine DOE/ACCESS webpage: [English Language Proficiency Assessments | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)

Questions

No questions at this time

MSAA (Math/ELA and Science)

Resources

- Test Administration Manual, User Guides, and Alternate Assessment Timeline can be found on the Maine DOE/MSAA webpage: [MSAA | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)
- As a District Assessment Coordinator, will you need access to the MSAA Platform to view students, create TA accounts, monitor test status and eventually download reports? If so, complete the survey: [MSAA Test Coordinator Survey](#)

Questions

No questions at this time