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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, New Hampshire public and charter schools are required by state law (RSA 193-C) and federal accountability laws (Every Student Succeeds Act) to assess students using a standardized assessment. We utilize several assessments in order to comply with these requirements. The U.S. Department of Education is requiring states to administer the state summative assessments this year. For more details about our statewide assessments please visit the Office of Assessment Website or contact Melissa.White@doe.nh.gov.

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1111(b)(2) and New Hampshire law, RSA 193-C:6 requires each school district in the State to implement a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics, reading/language arts and science to be administered in each of grades 3-8 and not less than once during grades 10-12; and in science not less than once during grades 3-5, grades 6-9, and grades 10-12. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(2)(B) require State assessments to be the “same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students in the State,” and provide for the participation in such assessments to all students.

Statewide assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They provide:

- An evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas
- Serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college- and career-ready
- Help inform future instruction in the classroom

Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local formative and summative assessments, statewide summative assessment results provide teachers and parents with important information about where students are on their path toward academic success.

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Below are the required assessments for public and charter school students:

- NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS): 3rd-8th Grade English Language Arts (Reading and Writing), Mathematics
- NH SAS: 5th, 8th, & 11th Science
- School Day SAT: 11th Grade English & Math
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM): 3rd-8th, 11th Alternate Assessment
- ACCESS: K-12 English Language Development (Only for English Language Learning Students that qualify)

Results

Student results for the NH SAS are generally available immediately upon the student completing the test. The school will send a student's Individual Score Report (ISR) home before the end of the school year. If you prefer to see the results once your child has completed the NH SAS, please contact your child's teacher. Lexile reading and Quantile mathematics scores will be available on the (ISR). You can visit this resource to find more information on how to use these measures to understand a student's reading and math level.

Practice Tests

Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the NHSAS assessment portal at:
<https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

SAT also offers a range of practice opportunities on their website, students that practice in the portal are eligible for scholarships <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

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Bluff Elementary School

New Hampshire State-Wide Assessment System

Testing Schedule

Test Date Week Of	Grades
5/24/2021	3,4, & 5
5/31/2021	3,4, & 5
6/7/2021	3,4, & 5 - Make up day if needed!