MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)

Assessment Lunch & Learn Office Hours

December 11, 2024

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.





Mission & Vision





To promote the best learning opportunities for all Maine students by providing information, guidance, and support to our schools, educators, and leaders and by providing adequate and equitable school funding and resources.



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Today's Agenda

- ☐ Maine Through Year
- ☐ Maine Science
- National and International Assessments
- ☐ ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS: Timeline and Next Steps
- MSAA
- Questions & Answers

Maine Through Year Assessment



2024-25 Through Year Assessment Schedule

Winter 2025 (Optional)

January 6 – February 14, 2025

December 16: Acacia platform opens for pre-administration activities, such as assigning supports and accommodations

Spring 2025 (Required)

April 14 – May 30, 2025

The spring administration will be closed April 21-25 for spring break.



Chosen Names in Acacia

- Maine DOE will upload the winter 2025 assessment roster on December 13th.
- Because there is not a chosen name field in Acacia, Maine DOE will manually be making updates to chosen names in Acacia after the first roster upload. On December 13th you may notice that chosen names have been replaced with birthnames. This should be resolved by the time SAUs can begin pre-administration activities in the platform on Monday, December 16th.
- During the window, daily roster uploads will be cross-referenced with a master list of student chosen names, which will be updated weekly.
- Due to the timing of the updates to the master list of student chosen names, there is the small possibility that a student's chosen name may be overwritten (for example for transfers to new schools within one week of the name change request).
- <u>Before printing test tickets</u>, please verify that the name of the student is correct in Acacia. If changes are needed, you may reach out to either NWEA Maine Partner Support (855 430 1777) or Krista Averill (<u>Krista.Averill@maine.gov</u>).



Register for Winter 2025 NWEA PL Offerings

Student-Centered Assessment Literacy*

- Session 1: What is assessment literacy? What helps make assessment practices and processes matter to students?
 - January 16, 3:00-4:30 PM
- Session 2: Which structures and strategies support a culture of learning? How do you use classroom assessment tools to build assessment literacy?
 - January 30, 3:00-4:30 PM



^{*}Participants may attend either session or both sessions. Attendance at session 1 is <u>not</u> necessary for attendance at session 2.

Register for Winter 2025 NWEA PL Offerings

Applying Classroom Assessment Standards*

- Session 1: What existing frameworks can guide teachers' classroom assessment practices and inform decisions?
 - January 14, 3:00-4:30 PM
- Session 2: What are the main components of quality assessment practices?
 - February 10, 3:00-4:30 PM

Using Achievement Level Descriptors to Ensure Classroom Rigor

February 27, 3:00-4:30 PM

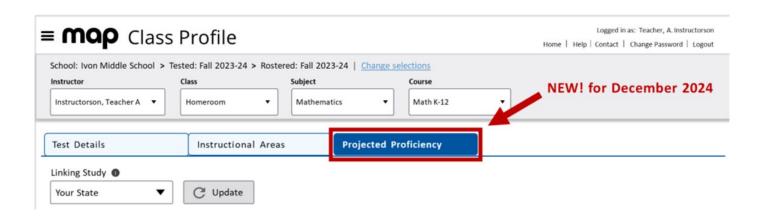
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December 2024 Release





Our New Projected Proficiency Tab!

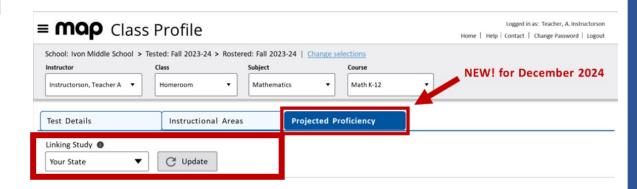
- The new Class Profile Projected Proficiency tab provides class and student-level projected proficiency data for State Linking Studies, ACT, and SAT.
- The data provided on the new Class Profile Projected Proficiency tab replaces the functionality available in the legacy Class Breakdown by Projected Proficiency report that was retired in the summer of 2024.

First, select which linking study to use to view projected proficiency.

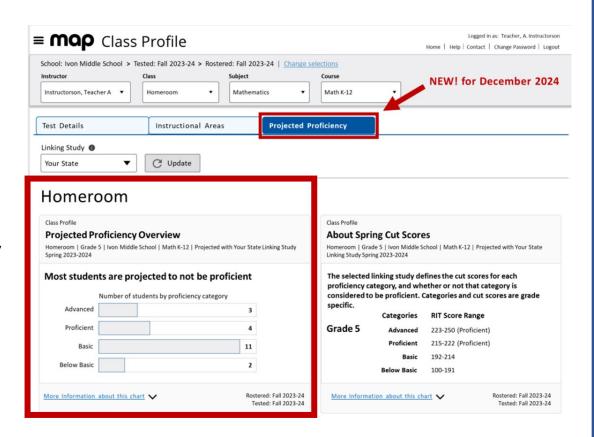
Maine partners will utilize the NWEA Default Linking Study.

Partners will also have the option to utilize the projected proficiency for ACT or SAT tests.

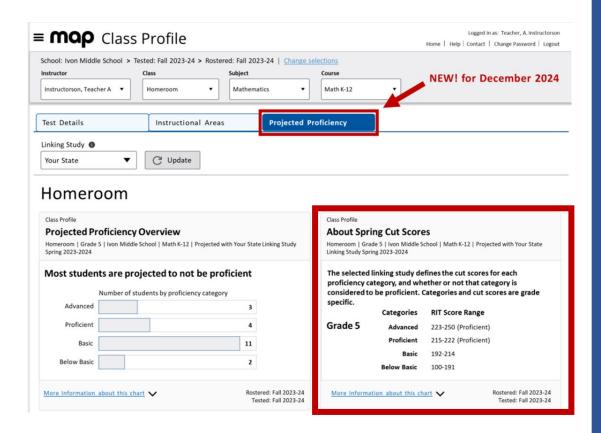
- ACT college readiness projections are available for grades 5-10 in reading and mathematics.
- SAT college readiness projections are available for grades 5-9 in reading and mathematics.



As you move down the report you can quickly see how many students in your class are projected to be in each proficiency category by spring based on average growth.

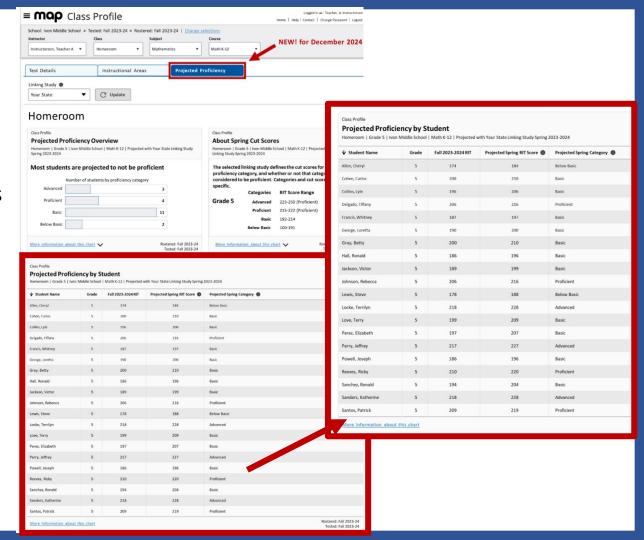


This module provides the cut scores, called "RIT score ranges", for each proficiency category based on the linking study definitions for the selected assessment. The cut scores are based on the RIT scale and are grade-specific.



Conduct student-level analysis by examining projected proficiency data for each student.

- RIT Score
- Projected spring RIT score
- Projected spring proficiency category



Other Resources/FAQ

NWEA News.Introducing the new Projected Proficiency tab in the Class Profile report

Q: Is there projected proficiency data for instructional areas?

A: No. Projected proficiency is only provided for overall RIT scores.

Q: What is a linking study and where can I find it?

A: See NWEA Connection article: What is a linking study and where can I find it?

Q: How do reports calculate projected proficiency?

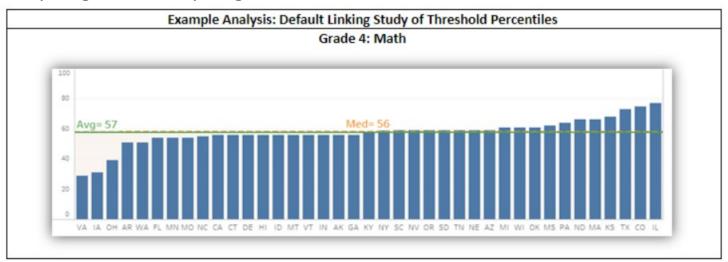
A: See NWEA Connection article: How do reports calculate projected proficiency?

Q: How is projected proficiency calculated for states without a linking study?

A: See NWEA Connection article: <u>Projected proficiency and states with no linking (alignment) studies</u> and NWEA Connection product update post: <u>Default linking study – providing partners with a better way to project proficiency</u>

Default Linking Study

- Maine does not currently have a linking study with NWEA.
- The default linking study values are currently being used to generate MAP Growth reports.
- Default linking study values are based on the 39 active state linking studies from spring 2017 to spring 2019.





Math K-12 Proficiency Thresholds

(July 2022 - New Default Linking Study)

	Below Standards		Proficient		Advanced		
Grade	Median RIT	Percentile	Median RIT	Percentile	Median RIT	Percentile	
3	N/A	1 – 52	202	53	214	82	
4	N/A	1 – 55	213	56	226	84	
5	N/A	1-61	224	62	237	86	
6	N/A	1 – 58	227	59	240	84	
7	N/A	1 – 60	232	61	246	85	
8	N/A	1 - 62	237	63	252	86	



Reading K-12 Proficiency Thresholds

(July 2022 - New Default Linking Study)

	Below Standards		Proficient		Advanced		
Grade	Median RIT	Percentile	Median RIT	Percentile	Median RIT	Percentile	
3	N/A	1 - 58	201	59	214	85	
4	N/A	1 - 57	208	58	220	82	
5	N/A	1 - 56	214	57	226	83	
6	N/A	1 - 56	218	57	230	82	
7	N/A	1 - 55	221	56	236	86	
8	N/A	1 - 55	224	56	238	83	



Maine Through Year Assessment:

Whom do I contact?

NWEA Maine Partner Support

(855) 430-1777

techsupport@nwea.org

- Technical issues with the Acacia platform
- Technical issues with the State Solutions Secure Browser
- Technical issues with the MARC (MAP Growth) platform, including rostering in MARC

Maine DOE MEDMS Support Team

MEDMS.Support@maine.gov (207) 624-6896

 Help determining if a student is eligible for the Maine Through Year Assessment, based on information entered by the SAU into Synergy

Maine DOE Assessment Team

Krista.Averill@maine.gov (207) 215-6528

- Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, and reporting
- Policy-related questions
- Any problems that NWEA
 Maine Partner Support or
 the MEDMS Support Team
 are not able to resolve –
 <u>For NWEA Partner Support,
 if you have a case number,
 please provide.</u>



Maine Science Assessment

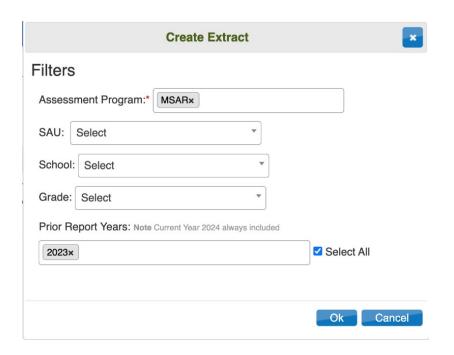


Maine Science Assessment

Reporting

You can now generate a Student Score Data File CSV with more than one year of data.

Note: The file will automatically include the most recent administration's data.





Maine Science Assessment

District User Accounts in the Kite Reporting Platform

It is the SAU's responsibility to determine for whom access to SAU-level data is appropriate, considering legitimate educational interest.

Only Maine DOE and Kite Service Desk can create District User accounts.

- The Kite Service Desk and Maine DOE can create District User accounts for individuals identified as District Assessment Coordinators in NEO.
- Only Maine DOE can create other District User accounts with written approval (i.e., email) from the District Assessment Coordinator, as identified in NEO.



Understanding the Maine Science Assessment & Utilizing Score Reports: Video Recording



Maine Science Assessment

Looking Ahead to Spring 2025:

Manuals and guides are posted when finalized - Available Now:

- Score Interpretation Guide
- Kite Reporting Platform Guide
- Assessment Administration Manual
- Practice Tests and Tutorials

Changes to the Administration

- ALL Grade Levels: Removal of Session 4 (Student Questionnaire)
- High School ONLY: Sessions 1, 2, and 3 reduced from 60 minutes each to 50 minutes each

Administration Schedule

- High School: April 2-17, 2025
- Grades 5 and 8: May 12-23, 2025



Maine Science Assessment: Whom do I contact?

Kite Service Desk

Kite-support@ku.edu

(855) 277-9752

- Accessing reports from Spring 2023 and Spring 2024
- Creating District User accounts for individuals identified as DACs in NEO

Maine DOE Assessment Team

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- Any problems that Kite Service Desk is not able to resolve, including creating District User accounts

Please note that the ADAM platform is closed to Maine SAUs/schools until early spring.



National and International Assessments

Wrapping up 2024 and moving forward



National and International Assessments – NAEP 2025



	Long-Term Trend				Field Test				
Sample Level	National			National			Puerto Rico		
Grade or Age	Age 13	Age 9	Age 17	4	8	12	4	8	
Subject (s)	# - 			H — ÷× Math and Reading			+ – • × Math		
Devices	Paper-based Assessment				School and NAEP devices				
Number of Sessions	1 or 2			2 (1-2 if school devices)					
Students per Session	25 or 50			25 (25-50 if school devices)					
Session Duration	90 minutes			120 minutes					
Questionnaires	School			Student, Teacher, and School					
Assessment Window	Oct 7 – Dec 13, 2024	Jan 6 – Mar 14, 2025	Mar 17 – May 23, 2025	Jan 27 – Mar 7, 2025					



National and International Assessments - NAEP



Preparations for Main/State NAEP 2026 are underway expect changes related to use of student devices!

NAEP 2025: Long Term Trend Age 13 administration window is open

NAEP 2024: Date of results released to be announced SOON

**Reminder: NAEP Updates

- School Device Field Study 2025
- Operational for devices meeting NAEP Technical Requirements 2026
- New Mathematics and Reading Frameworks 2026
- New Science Framework 2028



ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS

Maine's general and alternate assessments of English language proficiency Coordinator: Mechelle Ganglfinger



ACCESS Timeline

WIDA AMS test setup is now available for registrations

12/12/24 - 12/13/24: SAUs receive materials boxes

12/12/24: Additional materials ordering open to SAUs through February 21st, 2025

Assessment Window: January 6th – February 28th 2025

3/11/25: SAU deadline for return of secure and test materials to DRC.

4/30/25: Reports available in WIDA AMS

5/16/25 - 5/19/25: Printed reports available in SAUs



Receiving & Ordering Materials

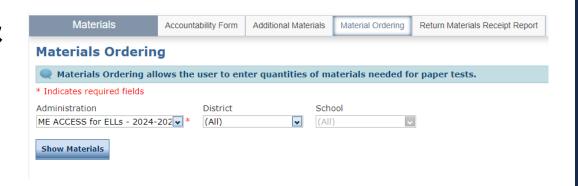
Please check to ensure all materials received match the packing lists included in your boxes. Remember all materials are secure and will need to be returned in the yellow boxes in which they were received.

If additional materials are needed including paper version of the assessment orders can be placed through the WIDA AMS secure portal.





Receiving & Ordering Materials



- To place a new order, select an administration, district, and the school from the dropdown menus, and click Show Materials
- In the Additional Materials Entry grid, enter quantities for the additional materials the district requires. After all quantities are entered, click the **Complete** button.

You may click on the instructions tab to see a detailed list of directions to complete your order



Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklets

The Maine Department of Education received an important message from WIDA AMS this week regarding the Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklet.

Due to a printing error, the page numbers began with "5", instead of the intended "1".

The materials being received this week will include the Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklets with the incorrect page numbers.

These booklets are not to be distributed



Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklets Cont.

WIDA DRC is actively working on reprinting all Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklets. The corrected booklets will be delivered in early January.

SAUs will be provided with the delivery date as soon as WIDA AMS informs DOE of this date.

SAUs will also be provided with information on how to identify the corrected booklets.

Additional material order requests for Kindergarten ACCESS Student Response Booklets are on hold until the replacement booklets are available.

Misprinted booklets may be returned with all other secure materials at the end of the testing window.

WIDA and DRC Helpful Resources

Online Help: Provides step-by-step instructions to help complete tasks in Import Management, Student Management and Test Management. Find Online Help by **selecting the question mark icon** in the upper right corner of the applications or <u>find all the topics in one place</u>.

Knowledge Articles: Select the Knowledge Articles button from the WIDA AMS landing page to browse or search for your desired topic.

WIDA Assessment Webinars: WIDA and DRC offer webinars on a variety of topics, from managing students and registrations to technology troubleshooting. View the full list of upcoming and recorded webinars on the Webinars page in the WIDA Secure Portal.

Upcoming WIDA Assessment Webinars

ACCESS Test Security and Test Monitoring Tuesday, December 10 at 2:00pm-3:00pm

ACCESS Technology Troubleshooting Thursday, December 12 at 2:00pm-3:00pm

You can learn more and add these upcoming webinars to your calendar on the <u>Webinars</u> page (login required).

Recordings for Assessment Webinars are posted to the WIDA Secure Portal on the Webinars page within a week of the presentation. Technology-related webinar links can also be found in WIDA AMS. On the landing page, select My Applications > General Information > Documents and filter the Document Type by Memos/Documents

WIDA ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS Whom do I contact?

WIDA Client Services Center

1-866-276-7735

Help@WIDA.us

- WIDA Secure Portal account creation
- Assessment training modules
- Self-paced e-learning resources

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

1-855-787-9615

WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com

- WIDA AMS account creation
- Technical issues with the WIDA AMS platform, including finding students, assigning accommodations, and creating test sessions
- Technical issues with the installation of the DRC lockdown browser

Maine DOE Assessment Team

(207) 242-4244

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- Questions related to assessment coordination, administration, and accessibility
- Policy-related questions
- Fixing a student who appears on your assessment roster in NEO but does not appear in WIDA AMS
 - Please wait at least 36 hours after making the update in Synergy.
- Any problems that WIDA and DRC Customer Services are unable to answer



MSAA

Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards in reading, math and science (AA-AAAS)

Coordinator: Mechelle Ganglfinger



2024-2025 Important Dates

2/18/25

MSAA System goes live for Spring 2025. Maine DOE will create the SAU TC accounts within the MSAA Platform. Training Modules for TCs and TAs available in the MSAA System.

3/1/25

Final check by MSAA TC to communicate with local data manager, administrative assistant or appropriate colleague to confirm that all students who are eligible for alternate assessment participation via the IEP have been accurately flagged in Synergy State Edition.

3/10/25 – 4/25/25

Administration window for the Multi-State Alternate Assessment [MSAA] in ELA/Literacy, Math, and Science.

7/14/25 - 9/5/25 Online reporting window for 2025 MSAA and MSAA Science.



Multi-State Alternate Assessment Whom do I contact?

MSAA Service Desk 866-834-8879

MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org

Live Chat available

- Issues with the platform
- Questions around account permissions/creation
- Mandatory training modules and quiz
- Help logging in

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- Any problems that MSAA Service Desk is unable to answer

Assessment Team Lunch 'n' Learn Office Hours

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