

# Maine DOE Assessment Team

## Monthly Update, December 2024

### Updated Resources for SY2024-2025

- **Monthly office hours with the Assessment Team**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 12-1pm. Registration link here: [Office Hours](#)
- **Assessment technical assistance available to Maine SAUs/schools upon request**  
The request form is linked here: [SAU Request for Assessment Technical Assistance](#)
- **Updated assessment guidance documents**
  1. Maine Comprehensive Assessment System Guidelines 2024-2025 linked here: [MECAS Guidelines](#)
  2. Assessment Technical Assistance Plan 2024 -2025 linked here: [Technical Assistance](#)
  3. Assessment Security Handbook 2024-2025 and resources linked here: [Assessment Security](#)
  4. SY2024-2025 Assessment Calendar can be found below and is also linked here: [Maine Assessment Calendar | Department of Education](#)

### Important General Reminders

- ✓ **Keep student enrollment data up to date!** Enrollment data in Synergy is utilized to populate the NEO, assessment reports, add students to the assessment platforms, etc.
- ✓ **Keep staff data up to date in NEO** – Teams and offices across the Maine DOE utilize the SAU contact information in NEO when sending out targeted information about upcoming events and trainings.
- ✓ **Do you have challenges with Synergy, NEO, or just have a data-related question? The MEDMS Helpdesk is here to help: [medms.helpdesk@maine.gov](mailto:medms.helpdesk@maine.gov) or (207) 624-6896**  
Hours:  
Mon - Wed: 8am - 4pm  
Thursday: 8am - Noon  
Friday: 8am - 4pm

## [NWEA Maine Through Year Assessment](#)

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### Wrapping Up the Fall Administration

**December 3:** Fall 2024 Student Score Data File (SSDF) csv becomes available in Operational Reports

### Preparing for the Optional Winter Administration

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

**January 6 – February 14:** Administration window

### Professional Learning Opportunities

#### **NWEA Professional Learning Opportunities**

Maine DOE and NWEA have developed several professional learning (PL) opportunities for the 2024-25 school year. Below are the offerings for this winter. Visit the [NWEA PL registration website](#) for more information.

#### *Student-Centered Assessment Literacy\** ([Registration Link](#))

- Session 1: What is assessment literacy? What helps make assessment processes and practices matter to students?
  - January 16, 2025, 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, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM

#### *Applying Classroom Assessment Standards\** ([Registration Link](#))

- Session 1: What existing frameworks can guide teachers' classroom assessment practices and inform decisions?
  - January 14, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM
- Session 2: What are the main components of quality assessment practices?
  - February 10, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM

#### *Using Achievement Level Descriptors to Ensure Classroom Rigor* ([Registration Link](#))

- February 27, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM

\*Attendance at session 1 is not necessary for attendance at session 2.

## Maine Science Assessment

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### Student Score Reports

Spring 2024 SAU, school, and student reports became available on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the [Kite Reporting Platform](#). Spring 2023 Student Score Data Files (CSV data extract) will be available again in the Kite Reporting Platform the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are the identified District Assessment Coordinator in NEO and need an account created for you, please reach out to Krista Averill at [Krista.Averill@maine.gov](mailto:Krista.Averill@maine.gov).

If you are an administrator or educator seeking access to your students' scores, please reach out to your District Assessment Coordinator. The DAC may either create an account for you in the Kite Reporting Platform or provide you with the requested score information.

If you already have an account for the Kite platform but are struggling to login or access reports, please contact the Kite Service Desk at [Kite-support@ku.edu](mailto:Kite-support@ku.edu) or (855) 277-9752.

### Webinar Recording Available

The [Understanding the Maine Science Assessment and Utilizing Score Reports webinar recording](#) from November 4<sup>th</sup> is now available.

### Practice Tests and Released Items

**Practice tests** are an online set of questions meant to familiarize students with the assessment platform, its tools, and the types of questions they may encounter when they take the Maine Science Assessment.

- [Practice Test and Tutorial Codes](#)
- Login at [adamexam.com/tester](http://adamexam.com/tester)

**Released items** are test questions that are no longer in use and have been made available to the public.

- The "For Student" copy resembles a test booklet.
- The "For Teachers" version contains the answer key, standards alignment, and rubrics for constructed response questions.

Released items are located on the [Maine Science Assessment webpage](#), under the *Content* drop-down menu.

### Looking Ahead to Spring 2025

#### Administration Schedule:

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

#### 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

## [Multi-State Alternate Assessment \(MSAA\) and MSAA Science](#)

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The MSAA (ELA & math) and MSAA Science are Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards, designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who have been found eligible by the IEP Team utilizing state guidance resources. To learn more about these assessments including eligibility and federal requirements, please visit the [Maine DOE 1% Resource Page](#).

### **Other Important Maine DOE Alternate Assessment Website Links:**

[Participation Guidance for IEP Teams](#) This document is intended to outline steps to guide Individualized Education Program (IEP) Teams to determine whether an alternate assessment is the most appropriate assessment for an individual student.

[SY2024-2025 Alternate Assessment Timeline](#): This document includes important dates to assist you in staying on track as the year progresses.

[Multi-State Alternate Assessment \(MSAA\) | Department of Education](#): The Maine DOE MSAA webpage includes information related to preparing for the assessment, assessment training and security, technical assistance, and assessment reports.

### **Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunity**

#### **MSAA Training for Alternate Assessment Test Coordinators (TCs) and Test Administrators (TAs)**

Monday, February 24, 2025, 3:15pm-4:15pm

**Presentation Description:** TCs and TAs will develop understanding of the various components of the MSAA and MSAA Science. Participants will learn responsibilities before, during and after assessment. Participants' questions related to administrative tasks and platform features will be addressed.

[Registration Link: MSAA Training for Alternate Assessment TCs](#)

## [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#)

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### **NAEP 2024 Reporting**

The NAEP 2024 results are tentatively scheduled to be released in early 2025. There is no update to exactly when these results will be released. These data are held at the federal level. Several requests for Maine student performance data on NAEP 2024. Maine DOE does not have access to the data and is unable to fulfill any requests for NAEP 2024 results at this time. The National Assessment Governing Board and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will announce the date and plans for the upcoming release of the 2024 Mathematics and Reading Assessments once the plans are finalized.

As a reminder, school and student level performance data is not available for NAEP assessments.

If you have any questions about the NAEP 2024 administration or the upcoming release of the results, please contact Dr. Regina Lewis at [regina.lewis@maine.gov](mailto:regina.lewis@maine.gov) or 207-530-1355.

***Notable changes for future NAEP administrations:***

- The transition to school devices will begin with the 2026 administration of the NAEP assessments. Schools with Windows and/or Chrome based devices will administer the NAEP in a similar manner as other state assessments.
- The NAEP 2026 Mathematics and Reading assessments have updated frameworks and new items.
- The NAEP 2028 Science assessment will be based on the updated NAEP 2028 Science Framework.

### **International Assessments**

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***What's up and coming with the International Assessments:***

**Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) Data Access and Website Tour Opportunity**

In an upcoming National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) sponsored event, Dr. Qiwei He, Associate Professor in Interdisciplinary Program of Data Science and Analytics and Director of AI-Measurement and Data Science Lab (AIMD) of Georgetown University, will be providing an overview of *Data Access and a Website Tour on PISA and Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)* on Friday February 7, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm via Zoom.

For registration information or for additional inquiries pertaining to international assessments overseen by NCES, please contact Regina Lewis at [regina.lewis@maine.gov](mailto:regina.lewis@maine.gov)

### **ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS**

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## **The Test Setup Window for ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Alternate ACCESS has now begun and will last throughout your ACCESS test window.**

The test setup function in [WIDA AMS](#) lets you view students and modify registrations. As you prepare for the upcoming ACCESS administration, you should now login to [WIDA AMS](#) and make sure your students are entered in the appropriate registrations.

Students that were imported into [WIDA AMS](#) via the Student Import File (Pre-ID file) have been automatically placed into generic registrations based on grade cluster and domain.

View Registrations To view and filter registrations in [WIDA AMS](#), click the Manage Registrations tile on the landing page. Then, filter by the district and/or school from the site selector on the top right side of

the screen. Select the ACCESS for ELLs - 2024-2025 Registration Window and a list of registrations for those sites will display on the View Registration(s) tab.

### **Important ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS Dates**

11/21/24 - 2/28/25	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Registrations
12/12/24 - 12/13/24	Districts Receive Test Materials
12/12/24 - 2/21/25	Additional Test Material Ordering Window in WIDA AMS
1/6/25 - 2/28/25	Test Window
3/11/25	Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC -Postmark date
4/30/25	ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Reports and DAT Posted in WIDA AMS
5/16/25 - 5/19/25	Printed Reports Received in Districts
6/12/25	Updated Access and Alternate ACCESS Data – Posted in WIDA AMS

### **WIDA Upcoming Webinars - Login to Wida Secure Portal needed**

- **NEW! 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