

Connect with the Assessment Team at monthly office hours, held the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM. [[Register](#)]

To view and register for other Maine DOE professional learning sessions, please visit the [Maine Department of Education Event Calendar](#).

### Maine Through Year Assessment

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Krista Averill**

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### Optional Winter 2026 Administration: Important Dates

**January 5 – February 13, 2026:** Winter administration window

*Note: Special Consideration exemption requests do not need to be submitted for any students for the optional winter Maine Through Year Assessment.*

**February 6 @ 4:00 PM:** Last day to [request an assessment reset](#).

**February 12 @ 8:00 PM:** Last daily change assessment roster file is generated based on student information entered into Synergy. Any student demographic updates made in Synergy after this date/time will not appear in Acacia.

**February 23-27:** [SAU data cleanup](#)

**March 18:** Last day to run Operational Reports for the winter administration (not including the Student Score Data File)

**March 25:** Winter 2026 Student Score Data File becomes available

### Professional Learning Sessions

#### Maine Through Year Assessment Interim Reports for Teachers

Description: This session focuses on accessing, understanding, and utilizing RIT score interim reports in MAP and Acacia.

Dates/Times:

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

#### A Balanced Assessment System: The Role of Maine's State Assessments

Description: This session explores how Maine’s state assessments, the Maine Through Year Assessment in Reading and Mathematics and the Maine Science Assessment, fit within a balanced assessment system. Participants will examine the purposes of different types of assessments and how state assessment data can be used appropriately to support instructional decision making.

Date/Time: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

**Maine Through Year Assessment: A Balanced Approach**

Description: This session examines the Maine Through Year Assessment in Reading and Mathematics as part of a balanced assessment system that includes both interim and summative components. Participants will consider the purpose of the assessment and how results can be used to support teaching and learning.

Date/Time: Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

**Who do I contact for Maine Through Year Assessment support?**

<b>NWEA Partner Support</b> (855) 430-1777 <a href="mailto:techsupport@nwea.org">techsupport@nwea.org</a>	<b>Maine DOE MEDMS Support Team</b> (207) 624-6896 <a href="mailto:MEDMS.Support@maine.gov">MEDMS.Support@maine.gov</a>	<b>Maine DOE Assessment Team</b> (207) 215-6528 <a href="mailto:Krista.Averill@maine.gov">Krista.Averill@maine.gov</a>
Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical issues with the Acacia platform</li> <li>• Technical issues with the State Solutions Secure Browser</li> <li>• Technical issues with the MAP Growth platform, including rostering in MAP</li> <li>• Requesting changes to students’ chosen names in the Acacia platform</li> </ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating student enrollment information in Synergy</li> <li>• Updating staff information in NEO</li> </ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy</li> <li>• Any problems that NWEA Maine Partner Support or the MEDMS Support Team are not able to resolve – <u>If you have a case number (NWEA) or ticket number (MEDMS Support), please provide.</u></li> </ul>

**Maine Science Assessment**

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Krista Averill

Contact Krista at [Krista.Averill@maine.gov](mailto:Krista.Averill@maine.gov) or (207) 215-6528.

**Spring Administration Dates**

High School: April 1 – 17, 2026

- ADAM, the Assessment Delivery and Management system, opens February 25, 2026.
- District Assessment Coordinators will receive an email from Krista Averill, Assessment Coordinator, prior to the opening of ADAM with instructions for accessing your account.

## New Lockdown Browser Installation for Spring 2026

This spring, the Maine Science Assessment will transition from students accessing the ADAM lockdown browser as a standalone app to accessing ADAM via the TestNav secure browser. This change is designed to strengthen security of the assessment while keeping the testing experience familiar to students and proctors.

For technology coordinators, the primary action required will be to remove the ADAM lockdown browser and [install the TestNav app](#) on devices used for secure testing. Students will not notice any meaningful differences in how the tests look or function, and proctoring procedures will remain the same. In addition, [practice tests](#) will remain accessible online without the secure app.

Additional details will be shared soon, including timelines, setup instructions, and support materials. In the meantime, if you need assistance with installation or deployment, please contact the Maine Science Support Desk at 855-544-0842 or use the online self-service portal at: <https://mescience.zendesk.com>.

## Professional Learning Sessions

### A Balanced Assessment System: The Role of Maine’s State Assessments

Description: See above under *Maine Through Year Assessment*.

Date/Time: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

### Understanding the Maine Science Assessment: Structure and Reports

Description: This session provides an overview of the Maine Science Assessment, with a focus on its alignment to the three-dimensional design of the Next Generation Science Standards. Participants will explore how science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas are integrated within the assessment’s structure. The session examines assessment blueprints, released items, and the types and purposes of Maine Science Assessment reports.

Date/Time: Monday, March 23, 2026 at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

## Who do I contact for Maine Science Assessment support?

<b>Kite Support Desk</b> (855) 277-9752 <a href="mailto:Kite-support@ku.edu">Kite-support@ku.edu</a>	<b>Maine DOE Assessment Team</b> (207) 215-6528 <a href="mailto:Krista.Averill@maine.gov">Krista.Averill@maine.gov</a>	<b>Maine Science Support</b> <a href="https://mescience.zendesk.com/hc/en-us">https://mescience.zendesk.com/hc/en-us</a>
Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessing reports</li><li>• DACs creating user accounts for other staff within their SAU</li></ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy</li><li>• Creating user accounts for DACs in Kite</li></ul>	<i>Manuals, guides, and training modules are being updated on a rolling basis for the spring 2026 administration.</i>

## Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) and MSAA Science

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Mechelle Ganglfinger**

Contact Mechelle at: [Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov](mailto:Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov) or (207) 242-4244

### 2025-26 MSAA Test Administration Important Dates

<b>2/17/2026 – 4/24/2026</b>	MSAA Platform open, TC and TA training modules available
<b>3/9/2026 - 4/24/2026</b>	MSAA Administration Window

### Helpful Website Links

[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.

[1% and Maine's Alternate Assessments Based on Alternate Academic Achievement Standards \(AA-AAAS\)](#): The Maine DOE 1% webpage holds a wealth of information related to the alternate assessment with links to a variety of resources and topics related to Maine's alternate assessment.

### Maine DOE Webinars

#### **MSSA Training for Alternate Assessment Test Administrators**

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

Date/Time: February 4, 2026, at 3:15 PM [[Registration Link](#)]

For additional information on these and other Maine DOE professional learning opportunities visit: [Maine Department of Education Events Calendar](#)

### Requesting Technical Assistance for the MSAA & MSAA Science

SAUs and schools are welcome to request technical assistance for Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards, the MSAA and MSAA Science, including but not limited to building foundational understandings about alternate academic achievement standards, interpreting scores, and accessing reports within the MSAA Platform. As the spring administration window approaches, available technical assistance will also include pre-administration activities within the MSAA platform for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators.

Although every effort is made to accommodate the date/time requested for technical assistance, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and meeting times prior to 8:30 AM are unavailable due to recurring commitments with external partners. Generally, virtual sessions are easier to accommodate than in-person sessions due to travel time.

Please reach out to Mechelle Ganglfinger, Alternate and English Language Proficiency Assessments Coordinator, to request technical assistance: [Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov](mailto:Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov).

### Who do I contact for Multi-State Alternate Assessment support?

<b>MSAA Service Desk</b> (866) 834 8879 <a href="mailto:MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org">MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org</a>	<b>Maine DOE Assessment Team</b> (207) 242-4244 <a href="mailto:Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov">Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov</a>
Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Account access</li><li>• Accessing district, school, classroom, and student reports</li></ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSAA professional learning</li><li>• Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy</li></ul>

## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Dr. Regina Lewis  
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### NAEP 2026

The **NAEP 2026 administration window opened January 26, 2026 – March 20, 2026. Scheduled assessment dates are viewable in the NAEP Assessment Management System (AMS).**

Sample schools can locate the scheduled assessment date for NAEP 2026 within the banner located on the top of the school page in the NAEP AMS. Schools needing to reschedule the scheduled assessment date should reach out to Dr. Regina Lewis at [regina.lewis@maine.gov](mailto:regina.lewis@maine.gov) as soon as possible. Once confirmed, please add the date to the school and SAU calendar. Should the schools experience a weather delay or closure, please reach out to the NAEP Field Representatives directly. NAEP Field Representative contact information is located on the school page in the NAEP AMS.

**\*\*Priority activities for February.** Principals and/or school coordinators should confirm access to NAEP AMS and complete the following:

- Verify whether the students will be assessed using NAEP or school devices
- Complete the following Pre-Assessment Activities
  - Provide Student Information: Student Demographics
    - May require updates after Add New Students
  - Provide Student Information: SD and EL Students
    - Identify and provide the appropriate accommodations for students in the NAEP AMS using the [Maine Students with Disabilities Inclusion Policy](#), the [Maine English Learners](#)

[Inclusion Policy \(MLs in Maine\)](#), and the appropriate School Coordinator Guidance on the Maine DOE Assessment Team [National & International Assessment webpage](#).

- Refer to the NAEP Inclusion and Accommodation Policies in the AMS or on the Maine DOE Assessment Team [National & International Assessment webpage](#).
- Add New Students – provide demographics and accommodations for any newly selected students (mid-January) using the School Coordinator Guidance on the Maine DOE Assessment Team [National & International Assessment webpage](#).
- Assessment and/or Technical Logistics – including assessment day details
- Notify Parents/Guardians – the letter is posted on the Maine DOE Assessment Team [National & International Assessment webpage](#). [An English version of the letter is available using this direct link](#). Letters in additional languages can be accessed by scrolling down to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) dropdown.
- Manage Questionnaires - Identify respondents and provide contact information for the school and teacher optional questionnaires.

### Reminders & Considerations:

NAEP representatives will continue to schedule and conduct Assessment Planning Meetings with principals and school coordinators.

- Field representatives may be delayed in responding to requests for assistance on the days they are administering assessments through the open window.
  - Please keep the contact information for the NAEP Field Representative in a place that is easy to locate in the event of a weather delay or closure.
- NAEP representatives can provide guidance on completion of the NAEP Pre-assessment tasks.
- Dr. Regina Lewis, Coordinator of NAEP & International Assessments, is available to provide information, answer any questions, or assist with the rescheduling of the NAEP administration and may also accompany the NAEP Field Representatives on the date of the assessment to conduct observations of assessment administration.

### For schools with students participating on school managed devices

The NAEP Application is currently available for installation. An SAU NAEP application installer must be identified/listed for each school within the SAU participating in the NAEP and at which the application is to be installed. When a NAEP application installer has not been identified, the School Technology Coordinators, and in some cases, SAU Technology Directors have been assigned the role as a default.

### NAEP 2026 School Technology Resources

- [NAEP 2026 School Device Technical Requirements](#)
- NAEP 2026 [eNAEP Download Center for NAEP APP](#)

As a reminder, the NAEP 2026 Mathematics and Reading assessments have updated frameworks and new items. Additional new items will be administered via pilot assessments during the 2026 assessment window. **For NAEP 2026 the assessment will be administered using school Wi-Fi when the assessment is administered on school devices.** When NAEP devices are used the assessments will be administered using a NAEP Private Network.

## Other NAEP Resources:

NAEP provides [NAEP Assessment Tutorials](#), released cognitive items as a part of the [Take NAEP Now Quiz](#), and the publicly available optional [NAEP Survey Questionnaires](#) to assist with the communication and understanding of the NAEP experience.

For more detailed information, contextual information collected from the NAEP Questionnaires, or a peak at student performance by assessment subscales, please visit the [NAEP Data Explorer](#). To view items from student assessments or the [NAEP Questionnaires](#) please visit the [NAEP Questions Tool](#), [NAEP Item Maps](#), or the [NAEP Survey Questionnaire webpage](#).

## Who do I contact for support related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress?

<p><b>NAEP Field Representative</b> Contact using information provided in NAEP AMS and via Email</p>	<p><b>Regina Lewis</b> <b>Maine DOE NAEP Coordinator</b> (207) 530-1355 <a href="mailto:regina.lewis@maine.gov">regina.lewis@maine.gov</a></p>	<p><b>NAEP AMS or eNAEP Helpdesk</b> (800) 283-6237 <a href="mailto:naephelp@westat.com">naephelp@westat.com</a></p>
<p>Provides support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Delay or closing</li> <li>• Need to reschedule</li> <li>• Change in Assessment Logistics</li> </ul>	<p>Provides support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMS account creation</li> <li>• <b>Assessment date change requests</b></li> <li>• Acquiring AMS access for additional staff</li> <li>• Questions related to assessment accessibility, exclusion, and refusals</li> <li>• Policy related questions</li> <li>• Any problems that NAEP Field Representative and NAEP Helpdesk are unable to answer</li> </ul>	<p>Provides support for:</p> <p>Technical issues with AMS</p> <p>Password recovery not working</p> <p>Unable to select or manage tiles</p> <p>Student name changes</p> <p>eNAEP Download Center</p>

## WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS & WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten

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### 2025-2026 WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS, & WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten Important Dates

11/20/2025 - 3/10/2026	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Registrations
12/11/2025 - 2/20/2026	Additional Test Material Ordering Window in WIDA AMS

<b>1/5/2026 - 3/10/2026</b>	WIDA ACCESS Administration Window in Maine
<b>3/10/2026</b>	Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC -Postmark date

For additional information pertaining to Maine specific WIDA information please visit: [WIDA Maine State Page](#)

## Extension of WIDA ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Online Administration Window

The Maine DOE has extended the online ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS window through March 10, 2026. Further information and detail are provided in this recently released Priority Notice. [The priority notice can be accessed here.](#)

### Special Request Forms

This year, WIDA will begin providing student reports for participants in Less Than Four Domains (LT4D). For students who qualify for participation and reporting of LT4Ds due to a documented exceptionality, a LT4D request must be submitted by the SAU. The instructions and request can be found here: [Maine DOE English Language Proficiency Assessments](#). Requests must be submitted between 11/20/25 - 2/20/2026.

### Who do I contact for support related to the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS?

<b>Maine DOE Assessment Team</b> (207) 242-4244 <a href="mailto:Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov">Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov</a>	<b>Data Recognition Corps</b> (855) 787-9615 <a href="mailto:WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com">WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com</a>	<b>WIDA Client Services Center</b> (866) 276-7735 <a href="mailto:help@wida.wisc.edu">help@wida.wisc.edu</a>
Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maine English language proficiency assessment professional learning</li> <li>Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy</li> </ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WIDA AMS accounts</li> <li>Additional test materials</li> <li>Student transfer requests</li> <li>Test tickets and tiers</li> <li>Accessing reports</li> </ul>	Provides support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WIDA Secure Portal accounts</li> <li>WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS</li> <li>Training and certification</li> <li>Content of score reports</li> <li>Standards and Can-Do Descriptors</li> </ul>