

Maine DOE Seeking Feedback in Maine's State Science Assessment Development Survey

The Maine Department of Education's (DOE) current state science assessment contract is approaching the end of its term, and a new Request for Proposals (RFP) is being developed to ensure the continuation of statewide science assessment services.

To ensure that Maine educational assessments are prioritizing the needs of Maine students and educators, the Maine DOE is seeking feedback from a variety of educator voices from across the state via [Maine's State Science Assessment Development survey](#). The Maine DOE will carefully review the results of this survey as a critical step in the development of the next science assessment RFP.

The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and includes links to resource documents to help respondents understand the current requirements related to state academic assessments. **Participants are asked to complete this survey by June 18, 2026.**

Please share this survey widely with educators and school leaders in your network. Those with questions may contact Krista Averill, Maine DOE Science Assessment Coordinator, at krista.averill@maine.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Summer Support

The Assessment Team remains available over the summer months to aid in accessing and interpreting assessment score reports.

Looking ahead to the 2026-27 school year!

Back to School Office Hours: Tuesday, August 4 at 12:00 PM ([Registration Link](#))

2026-27 Office Hours: 2nd Wednesday of the month / 3rd Wednesday in November due to Veterans Day at 12:00 PM ([Registration Link](#))

Maine Through Year Assessment

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Spring 2026 Administration: Important Dates

Date	Task
May 29, 2026	Spring 2026 administration window closed
June 1-5, 2026	SAU data cleanup window: Checklist of Data Cleanup Tasks
June 5, 2026	Last day to update student support & accommodations in Acacia and fix MAP Growth rostering errors
July 10-17, 2026	Reporting in Acacia will be unavailable starting at 2:00 PM ET on July 10 through July 17 at 3:00 PM ET as NWEA finishes data validation.
July 17, 2026 @ 3:00 PM	Student Score Data File and Individual Student Reports become available in Acacia.
July 31, 2026 @ 3:00 PM	Last day to run Operational Reports (other than the Student Score Data File) for the spring 2026 administration

Score Reports

Reports become available in Acacia within 72 hours of assessing. Spring 2026 results are considered preliminary until the final student data file becomes available on July 17.

Resources:

- [Reports Interpretive Guide](#) – for reports accessed through the Acacia Online Reporting System
- [State Solutions MAP Growth Reports Portfolio](#) – for MAP Growth reports integrating Maine Through Year Assessment RIT score data

2026-27 Administration Schedule

Fall 2026 (Required):

- Regular Administration Window: September 14 – October 16, 2026
- Makeup Window: October 19 – October 23, 2026

Winter 2027 (Optional):

- Regular Administration Window: January 4 – February 5, 2027
- Makeup Window: February 8 – February 12, 2027

Spring 2027 (Required):

- Regular Administration Window: April 12 – May 21, 2027 *(Closed April 19–23 for spring break.)*
- Makeup Window: May 24 – May 28, 2027

Who do I contact for Maine Through Year Assessment support?

NWEA Partner Support (855) 430-1777 techsupport@nwea.org	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov
Provides support for: • Technical issues with the Acacia platform • Technical issues with the MAP Growth platform, including rostering in MAP	Provides support for: • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy

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Spring 2026 Administration

Reports will become available in the [Kite Reporting Platform](#) on **Monday, August 24**.

Please view the [Scoring and Reporting Resources](#).

If you are a District Assessment Coordinator and need an account created in Kite or need assistance creating Kite accounts for other users in your School Administrative Unit, please contact Krista Averill at Krista.Averill@maine.gov.

If requesting the creation of accounts for other users, please provide the user's name, email address, level of access (SAU or school), and organization (e.g., which school).

Who do I contact for Maine Science Assessment support?

Kite Support Desk (855) 277-9752 Kite-support@ku.edu	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov
Provides support for: • Accessing student score reports • DACs creating user accounts for other staff within their SAU	Provides support for: • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy • Creating user accounts for DACs in Kite

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) and MSAA Science

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The MSAA Online Reporting Window will be open July 13 – September 18, 2026.

Where do I access SAU/school/student reports?

The reports will be accessed directly from the [Dashboard | MSAA System](#). Users with Test Coordinator roles in the platform will have the ability to download reports.

If you have difficulty with your MSAA Platform login credentials while trying to access reports, please reach out to the MSAA Service Center at MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org.

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

MSAA Service Center (866) 834 8879 MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 242-4244 Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov
Provides support for: • Account access • Accessing district, school, classroom, and student reports	Provides support for: • MSAA professional learning • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

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NAEP Long-Term Trend Results Scheduled to be Released on June 10, 2026

The National Assessment Governing Board (Governing Board) announced that results for the Long-Term Trend (LTT) for 9- and 13-year-olds will be released on **June 10, 2026 at 12:01 am ET** at www.nationsreportcard.gov.

*These results **are not** the results of the NAEP 2026 mathematics and reading assessments administered in Maine and across the Nation earlier this year. The LTT provides an age-based, national snapshot on student learning in math and reading that extends across generations dating back to the 1970's. **Results for this assessment are reported only at the national level and cannot be compared to the Nation's Report Card.***

LTT was last released in 2022 for 9-year-olds and 2023 for 13-year-olds. Following the declines in student performance on the 2022 and 2023 LTT, these results will provide additional information related to student learning.

Among the notable outcomes from 2023, the percentage of 13-year-olds who said they read for fun was lower than ever previously reported. Only 14 percent of students reported they read for fun almost daily, which is a decrease of 3 percentage points from 2020 and 13 percentage points from 2012.

NAEP 2027

No Maine schools have been selected for participation in this small preparatory study for the larger administration of NAEP 2028 which may include a small number of MacOS devices. NAEP plans to include MacOS and iOS devices for the administration of NAEP 2028.

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 peek 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](#).

For questions or information about NAEP, please contact:

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WIDA ACCESS & WIDA Alternate ACCESS

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2026 WIDA Annual Conference Registration Is Open

Registration for the 2026 WIDA Annual Conference is open! The in-person event takes place September 16-18, 2026, in St. Louis, Missouri. A virtual track is also available on September 15. [Read WIDA's new article to learn about the keynotes](#), this year's theme, the virtual track and more.

Ready to register? Head over to the [registration page](#) to reserve your seat. Pre-registration is required for all in-person concurrent sessions.

New Videos and Resources for Teaching in PreK-3

Multilingual children in grades PreK-3 are building the foundations that support their learning and growth. With this in mind, WIDA has expanded their Teaching in PreK-3 webpage with more resources and specific strategies you can use in the classroom. They are especially excited to share these four new videos from PreK-3 educators:

- [Languaging and Learning for Multilingual Children](#)
- [WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions](#)
- [Invitation to Choose Play](#)
- [Reflecting on Transitions](#)

Find these resources and more on WIDA's improved [Teaching in PreK-3 webpage](#).

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

Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 242-4244 Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov	Data Recognition Corps (855) 787-9615 WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com	WIDA Client Services Center (866) 276-7735 help@wida.wisc.edu
Provides support for: • Maine English language proficiency assessment professional learning • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy	Provides support for: • WIDA AMS accounts • Additional test materials • Student transfer requests • Test tickets and tiers • Accessing reports	Provides support for: • WIDA Secure Portal accounts • WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS • Training and certification • Content of score reports • Standards and Can-Do Descriptors