



# Assessment Team Office Hours Q&A

## October 1, 2025

### Resources

- [Slides](#)
- [Recording](#)
- [Assessment Security Webpage](#)
- Maine DOE Professional Learning Calendar: [Event Calendar | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)
- The 2025-26 school year assessment calendar is available at:  
[https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing\\_Accountability/MECAS/calendar](https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/calendar).

### General

Question:

***Should we create a special consideration exemption for ELL students if they are not testing?***

A [Special Consideration exemption](#) is an emergency medical waiver for students experiencing a significant medical emergency.

For a newly arrived multilingual learner, the exemption from the Reading assessment will be automatically applied after the Maine Department of Education Data Team receives the results file from the vendor based on the student information entered into the state information system by the SAU. Specifically, the US School Entry Date (Synergy) or First US Enrollment Date (Connect) and subsequent ML Start Date must be less than 12 months from the last day of the administration window. The [Maine Through Year Multilingual Learner Exemption Guidance](#) contains the specific dates for exemption from the fall and spring administrations of the Maine Through Year Assessment.

### [Maine Through Year](#)

Additional Resources

- [NWEA Maine Connection Page](#)
- [Assessment Administration Guide](#) - Must be distributed to ALL proctors
- [MAP Growth Quick Rostering Guide](#) - For those SAUs who would like to have students' RIT scores integrated into MAP Growth reports
- [Fall 2025 Reset Process Flow](#)
- [SAU Data Cleanup Checklist](#) – SAU data cleanup is due October 31
- [2025 RIT Score Norms – A Letter for Families](#): Explains the change in the 2025 RIT score norms within the context of the Maine Through Year Assessment, specifying what has and has not changed as a result of the implementation of the new norms

Questions:

No questions at this time.

## Maine Science

### Additional Resources

- [Maine Science Support](#)
- [Kite Reporting Platform](#)
- [Scoring & Reporting Resources](#)

### Questions:

No questions at this time.

## NAEP & International

### Resource

- [NAEP Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [NAEP Assessment Schedule](#)
- NAEP 2026 [eNAEP Download Center](#)
- [Nation's Report Card Website](#)
- [NAEP Data Explorer](#)
- [NAEP Questions Tool](#) - with released items by subject, grade, and year (includes sample student responses, scoring, and result data as applicable)
- [NAEP Item Maps](#) – with released items by subject, grade, and year

### Questions

***Will we receive an email when there is contact made by a field representative through the AMS or do we have to check the application routinely?***

There will be both reminders that go out through the AMS to let people know to schedule the meeting with their field representative as well as email communications outside of the AMS from Regina Lewis. More details will be provided in the Assessment Monthly Update newsletters as well as in future Office Hours with the Assessment Team. Regina will continue to CC District Assessment Coordinators on all communications related to preparation for the assessment.

## ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS (English language proficiency)

### Resource

- Information related to the annual English Language Proficiency Assessment, can be found on the Maine DOE/ACCESS webpage: [English Language Proficiency Assessments | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)

### Questions

No questions at this time.

## MSAA ([Math/ELA](#) and [Science](#))

### Resource

- Information related to the Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) can be found on the Maine DOE/MSAA webpage: [MSAA | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)

### Questions

No questions at this time.