



Assessment Team Office Hours Q&A

September 8, 2026

Resources

- [Office Hours Slides](#)
- [Office Hours Recording](#)
- [Maine DOE Professional Learning Calendar](#)
- Office Hours ([Registration Link](#))
 - 2026-27 School Year: 2nd Wednesday of each month (3rd Wednesday in November) at 12:00 PM

Maine Through Year Assessment

Resources

- [Maine DOE Maine Through Year Assessment Webpage](#)
- [NWEA Maine Connection Page](#)

Questions

At my location some students assess on iPads, others on laptops. Do we need to download the secure browser on both devices?

Yes, the secure browser will need downloading for all devices. It is recommended all automatic updates be disabled during the administration.

Should schools use Chrome or Safari?

This is an app that should be downloaded. The app is not browser specific. Please follow the instructions in the instructions in the system and within the technology guide.

I am missing students in Acacia what would be my first steps to resolve?

If you have access to NEO, this is the first place you will want to check to ensure the student is listed in the school enrollment. If the student is not appearing in NEO, there's no way for them to be included in the assessment roster and therefore then appear in Acacia. If they are not in NEO, please reach out to MEDMS support at MEDMS.Support@maine.gov or (027) 624-6896.

What is the verbiage related to designated supports? "necessary and ____"

"appropriate and necessary" - The Accessibility Guide has been updated to include this wording to provide further clarity: https://www.nwea.org/uploads/ME-Through-Year-Accessibility-Guide_NWEA_Guide.pdf

How do I request Braille and paper-based forms?

Paper-based form request for Maine Through Year:

https://mainedoe.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GKeJ6vB8XzChoi

When was the deadline for the paper based Through Year again?

Complete the paper-based form which is located here:

<https://mainedoe.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV9GKeJ6vB8XzChoi> and submit the request to Krista. The deadline for standard print – you will receive an email for print on demand and access to a secure file transfer process

(SFTP) to print locally. For large print or Braille allow at minimum for one week prior to the assessment administration. Orders are accepted through the end of the window primarily due to the availability of print on demand.

Can we request paper-based tests for students with a severe plastic allergy (who can't use computers)?

If the necessity for paper-based assessments must be indicated in the student's 504 or IEP, the accommodation can be assigned. [2026-27 Accommodated Paper-Based Assessment Request Form](#)

Maine Science Assessment

Resources

- [Maine DOE Maine Science Assessment Webpage](#)
- [Maine Science Support](#)

Questions

No questions at this time.

ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS (English Language Proficiency Assessments)

Resources

- [Maine DOE English Language Proficiency Assessments Webpage](#)

Questions

No questions at this time.

MSAA (Multi-State Alternate Assessment) in Math, ELA, & Science

Resources

- [Maine DOE MSAA Math/ELA Webpage](#)
- [Maine DOE MSAA Science Webpage](#)

Questions

No questions at this time.

NAEP & International Assessments

Resources

- [Maine DOE NAEP & International Assessments Webpage](#)
- [Nations Report Card Website](#)
- [NAEP Data Explorer](#)
- [NAEP Questions Tool](#) - Released items by subject, grade, and year
- [NAEP Item Maps](#) – Released items by difficulty for subject, grade, and year

Questions

Does the fact that no Maine schools were selected for NAEP include public charter schools?

Yes. All charter schools in Maine are public charter schools. These schools are eligible for inclusion in the public-school sample for the NAEP assessment. Customarily, one to two charter schools are selected for the biennial, mandatory administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Mathematics and Reading Assessments.