



Assessment September Office Hours

Presented by:
The Assessment Team

Today's Agenda

- ❖ General Updates
- ❖ Maine Through Year Assessment
- ❖ Maine Science Assessment
- ❖ WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS & WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten
- ❖ Multi-State Alternate Assessment
- ❖ National Assessment of Educational Progress
- ❖ Q&A

Meet the Team

Janette Kirk, Interim Director of Assessment

Krista Averill, Assessment Coordinator

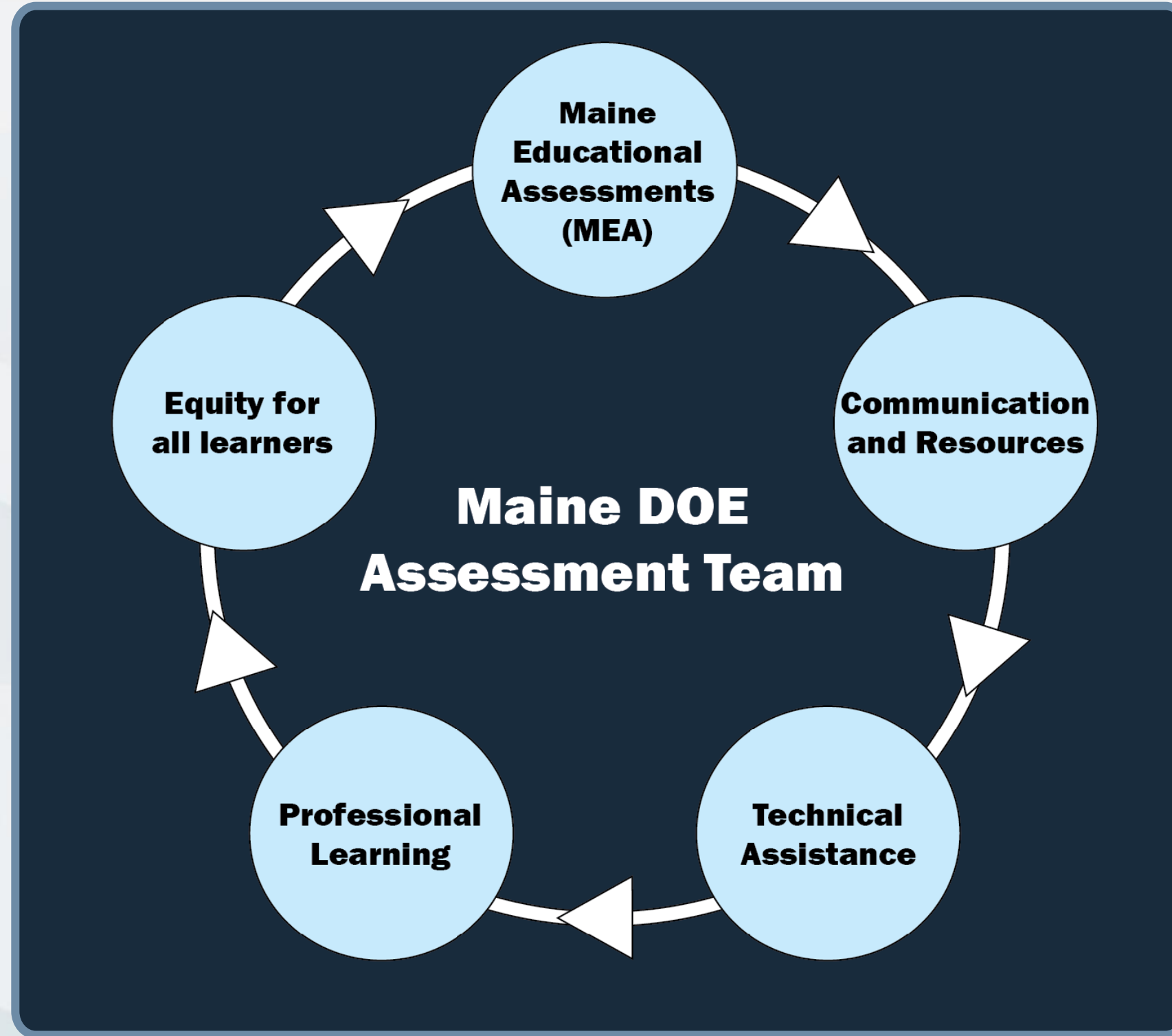
Mechelle Ganglfinger, Assessment Coordinator

Dr. Regina Lewis, NAEP State Coordinator

Daniella Crone, Office Specialist

Leah Jarvis, Business Analyst

Mission & Vision



The **Maine DOE Assessment Team** works to provide high-quality technical assistance to Maine SAUs and schools around the Maine Education Assessments (MEA).

Helping Educators, Students, & Schools Thrive

2026-27 School Year

2026-27 School Year Office Hours

2nd Wednesday of each month, except for the 3rd Wednesday in November

12:00 PM

[Registration Link](#)

Quick links to updated Assessment Team manuals and resources:

- [Maine Comprehensive Assessment System Guidelines](#): outlines the assessment and participation requirements across the Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)
- [Assessment Security Handbook](#): addresses the prevention, detection, reporting, and resolution of assessment irregularities
 - [Assessment Security Training Video for District and School Assessment Coordinators](#)
 - [Assessment Security Training Video for Proctors and Assessment Administrators](#)
 - [Assessment Irregularity Reporting Form](#)
- [Assessment Technical Assistance Plan](#): describes the levels of support (i.e., technical assistance) within the MEA

A Note on Individual Student Reports

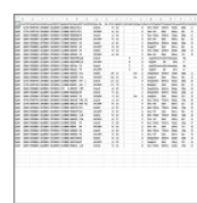
Federal statute requires the provision of Individual Student Reports (ISRs) for all state assessments to students' families. **Please ensure reports are shared with families in a timely manner.**

Maine Through Year Assessment in Reading and Math

- ISRs became available on July 17 in [Acacia](#)

Create a Report Export

Select a Report Type*



Student Results File
CSV Report

Export a CSV file of student-level assessment results for your organization to support review and analysis.



Individual Student Report -
Bulk
PDF Report

Download a multi-subject PDF of student achievement for a single test administration to share with parents and families.

Maine Science Assessment

- ISRs became available on August 24 in [Kite](#)

Home SETTINGS REPORTS HELP

Student (Individual) **Students (Bundled)** School Summary SAU Summary

REPORT YEAR: SAU: SCHOOL:

Select Select Select

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) in ELA/Literacy, Math, and Science

- ISRs are available July 13 – September 18, 2026, in the [Dashboard | MSAA System](#)
- To download reports, Test Coordinators will need their MSAA login credentials. If your SAU has new or additional personnel who require access to MSAA results, they will need to establish a Test Coordinator account with the appropriate SAU or school-level permissions. Guidance for downloading reports is provided on **pages 39–40** of the [MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Coordinators](#).

WIDA ACCESS

- ISRs became available in [DRC INSIGHT/WIDA AMS](#) on April 29, 2026.
- For additional information on downloading ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS reports please see the WIDA AMS Knowledge Article: How do I download WIDA ACCESS reports?

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a person reading a book, set against a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise sky. The person is positioned on the left side, looking down at the book. The overall tone is calm and educational.

Maine Through Year Assessment

Grades 3-8 and 2nd Year of High School

Administration Window Dates: 2026-27 School Year



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

Important Dates: Fall Administration

Date	Task
August 31, 2026	Acacia management platform opened for pre-administration activities
September 14 – October 16, 2026	Fall 2026 regular administration window
October 16, 2026 @ 4:00 PM	Last day to request an assessment reset
October 19 – 23, 2026	Fall 2026 makeup window
October 26 – 30, 2026	SAU data cleanup window
December 3, 2026	Fall 2026 Student Score Data File becomes available

Why are there “regular” and “makeup” administration windows?

- **Clarifies expectations** for regular testing and makeup scheduling.
- **Supports more effective local planning.** (No changes to student access, proctoring, or assessment procedures.)
- **Strongly encourages schools to begin testing during the regular administration window.**
- **Makes reset request timelines explicit** by establishing a designated makeup window.
- **Makeup testing remains available throughout the overall six-week administration window.**

NEO Assessment Roster Discrepancies

- At the end of last week, the Assessment Team and Maine Education Data Management System (MEDMS) Team were aware of discrepancies between students enrolled in Connect and those appearing in the assessment rosters.
- A fix was developed and deployed by the MEDMS Team.
- **If you still have missing students, please call or email the MEDMS Support Team at MEDMS.Support@maine.gov or 207-624-6896.**
- Updates on the status of this issue will continue to appear at the [MEDMS Support page](#).

Download New Version of the State Solutions Secure Browser

- Download site: <https://securebrowser.state.nwea.org/>
- [System Requirements Guide](#)
- [System and Technology Guide](#)





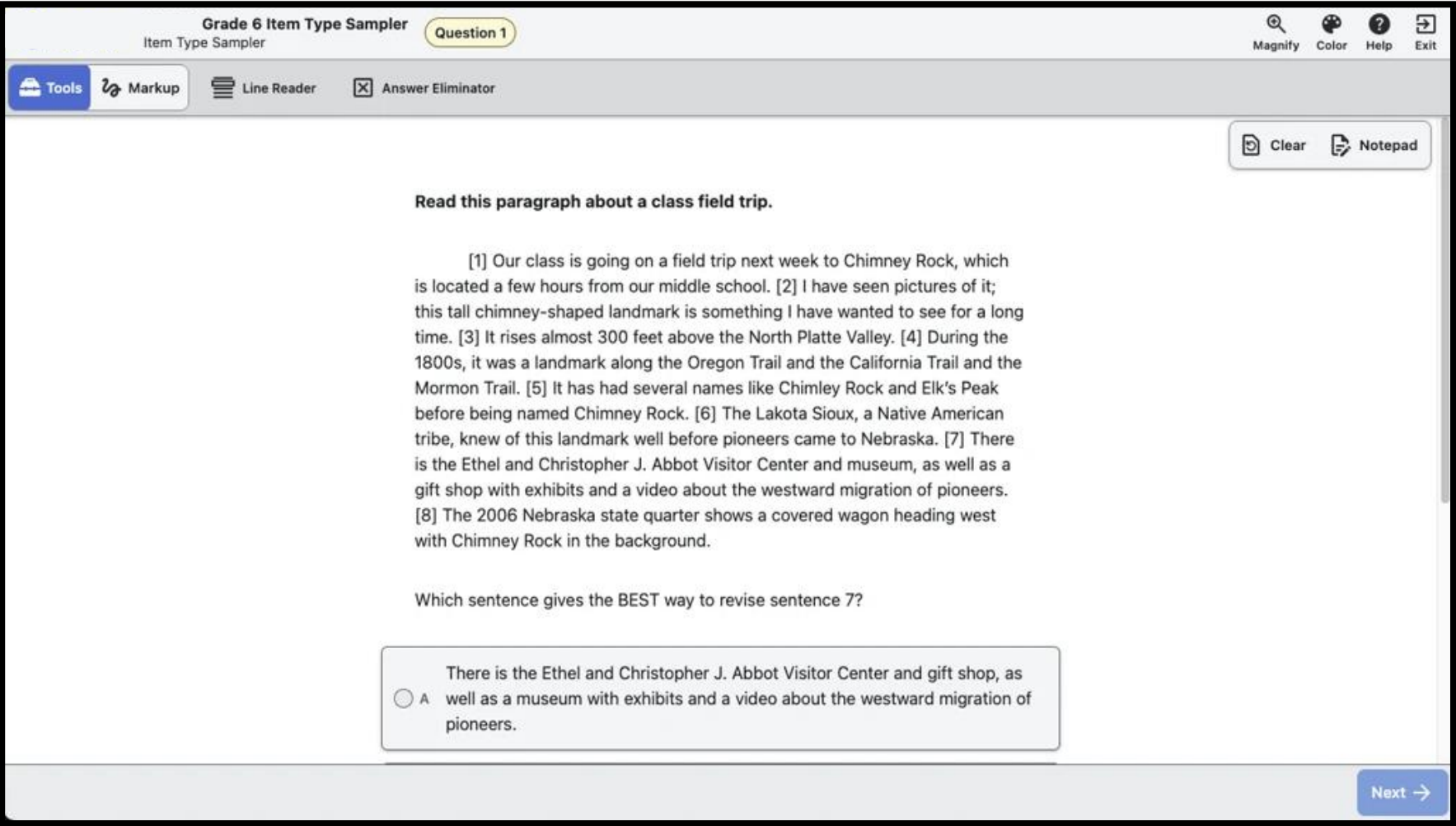
Acacia Test Player Updates

Hailey Westphal

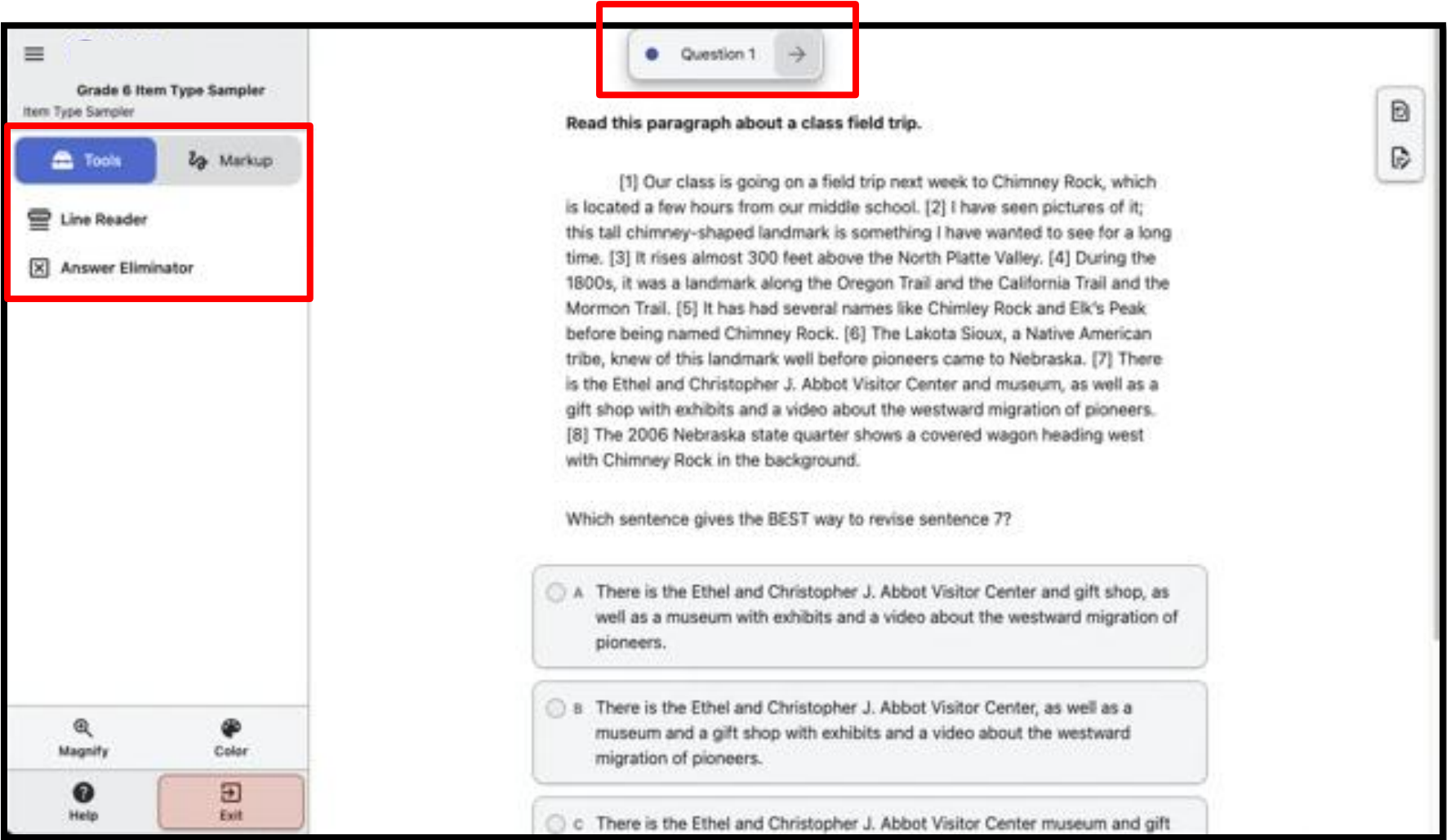
Lead Solution Delivery Consultant

Maine Through Year Assessment - Test Player Updates

Previously



26-27 Updates



Item Type Sampler:

- [Maine Item Type Sampler](#)



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Practice Using the Software

You must select an option for each field in order, from first to last.

Year

Select a Year ▼

Grade

Select a Grade ▼

Subject

Select a Subject ▼

Accommodations/Supports

Select Accommodation/Support ▼

Exit →

Reset

Take Assessment →

Required Beginning of Year Trainings

For School and District Assessment Coordinators

- [Assessment Security Training for Assessment Coordinators](#)
- [Maine Through Year Assessment Training Module: Directions for Enrollment](#)

For Proctors (also called Assessment Administrators)

- [Assessment Security Training for Proctors and Assessment Administrators](#)
- [Maine Through Year Assessment Proctor Training Video](#)

All assessment coordinators and proctors must sign the MEA Security and Data Privacy Agreement, located in Appendix A of the [Assessment Security Handbook](#), prior to the local administration of state assessments.

Beginning of Year Resources: Quick Links

For Families

[2026–2027 Parent & Guardians Letter \[English\]](#) —

Translations: [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [French](#) | [Kinyarwanda](#) | [Lingala](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Somali](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

[Overview of the Maine Through Year Assessment for Families](#)

For Schools

[2026–27 Multilingual Learner Exemption Guidance](#)

[Overview of the Maine Through Year Assessment for Teachers](#)

For Everyone

[Understanding the Maine Through Year Assessment: Structure and Purpose](#) (video)

Fall 2026 Reset Process Flow

All reset requests must be submitted by
October 16 at 4:00 PM.

Approved Multiplication Chart

All students assigned the Multiplication Chart designated support on the Maine Through Year Math Assessment **MUST** use the [Maine DOE-approved 9x9 Multiplication Chart](#).

- 9x9 chart
- Improves standardization and consistency across all Maine schools



A student in grades 4 through 8 and high school may utilize a multiplication chart on the Maine Through Year Math Assessment if:

1. A team of two or more education professionals with knowledge of the student's performance has determined that the support is appropriate and necessary for the student, and
2. The use of a multiplication chart is consistent with the student's normal routine during classroom instruction and assessment.

This determination is made on an individual student basis.

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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
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Maine Department of Education 2026-27

Maine Through Year & Maine Science Assessments Updates

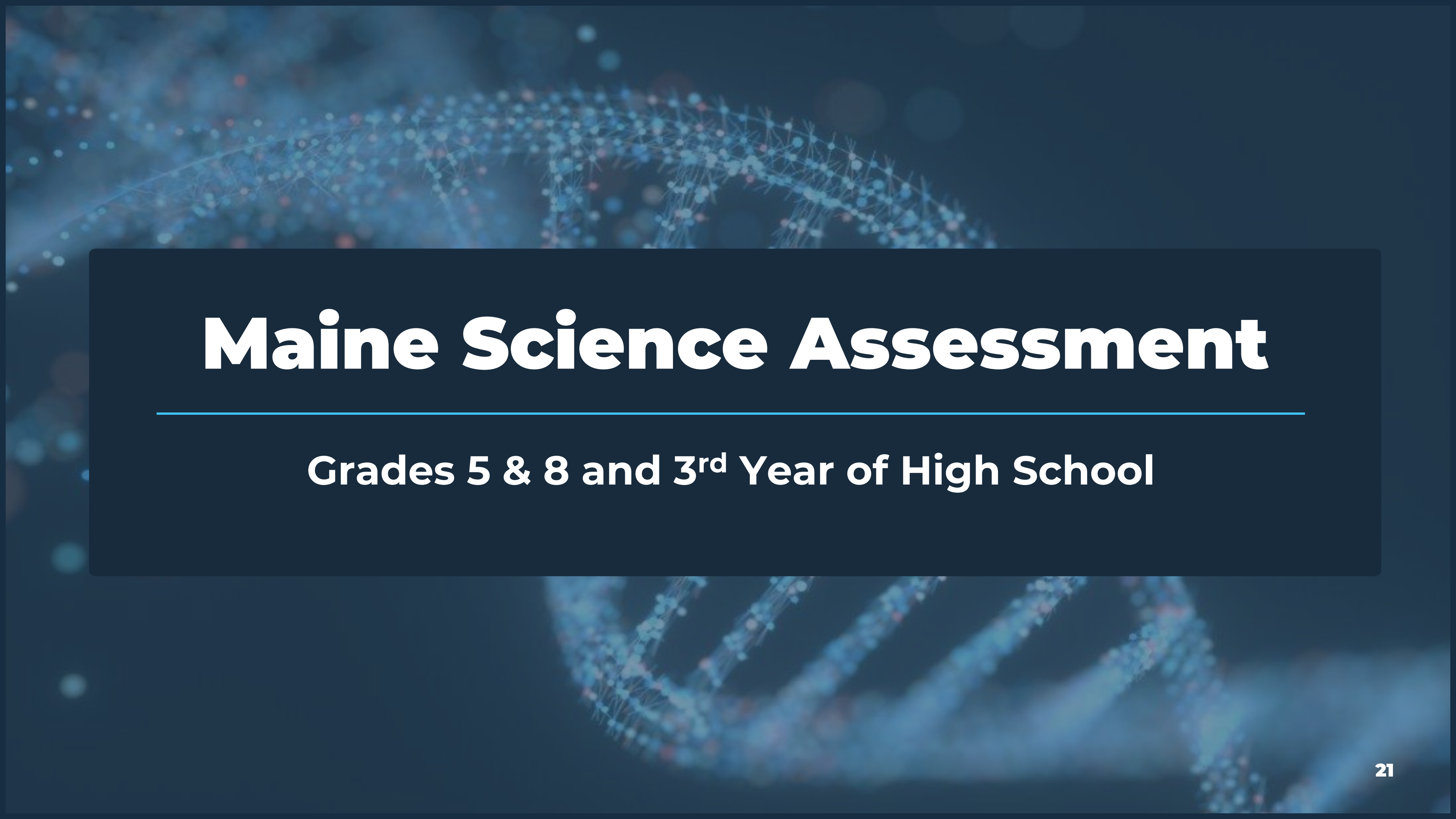
More detailed information on the Maine Through Year and Maine Science Assessments is available through the general assessments updates.

Example: [September 2nd Maine Through Year & Maine Science Assessments Updates](#)

Email Krista Averill at Krista.Averill@maine.gov if you would like to receive those additional updates.

Maine Through Year: Whom to Contact

NWEA Maine Partner Support (855) 430-1777 techsupport@nwea.org	Maine Education Data Systems (MEDMS) Support Team 207-624-6896 medms.support@maine.gov	Maine DOE Assessment Team: Krista Averill (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov
• Technical issues with the Acacia platform • Technical issues with the MAP Growth platform, including rostering in MAP	• Updating student enrollment records in Connect • Updating staff information in NEO	• Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, and reporting • Policy-related questions • Any problems that NWEA Partner Support or MEDMS Support cannot resolve – If you have a case or ticket number, please provide.



Maine Science Assessment

Grades 5 & 8 and 3rd Year of High School

Important Dates:

2026-27 School Year



High School

Regular Administration Window: April 1 – April 13, 2027

Makeup Window: April 14 – April 16, 2027

Grades 5 & 8

Regular Administration Window: May 10 – May 19, 2027

Makeup Window: May 20 – May 21, 2027

2027 Maine Science Assessment Forms Verification

Maine educators play a crucial role in the development of the Maine Science Assessment. The Maine Department of Education is currently recruiting science educators to participate in the upcoming virtual Form Verification Committees.

Dates and Times for Each Grade Level:

- **Grade 5:** October 29, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- **Grade 8:** October 27, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- **High School:** October 5, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

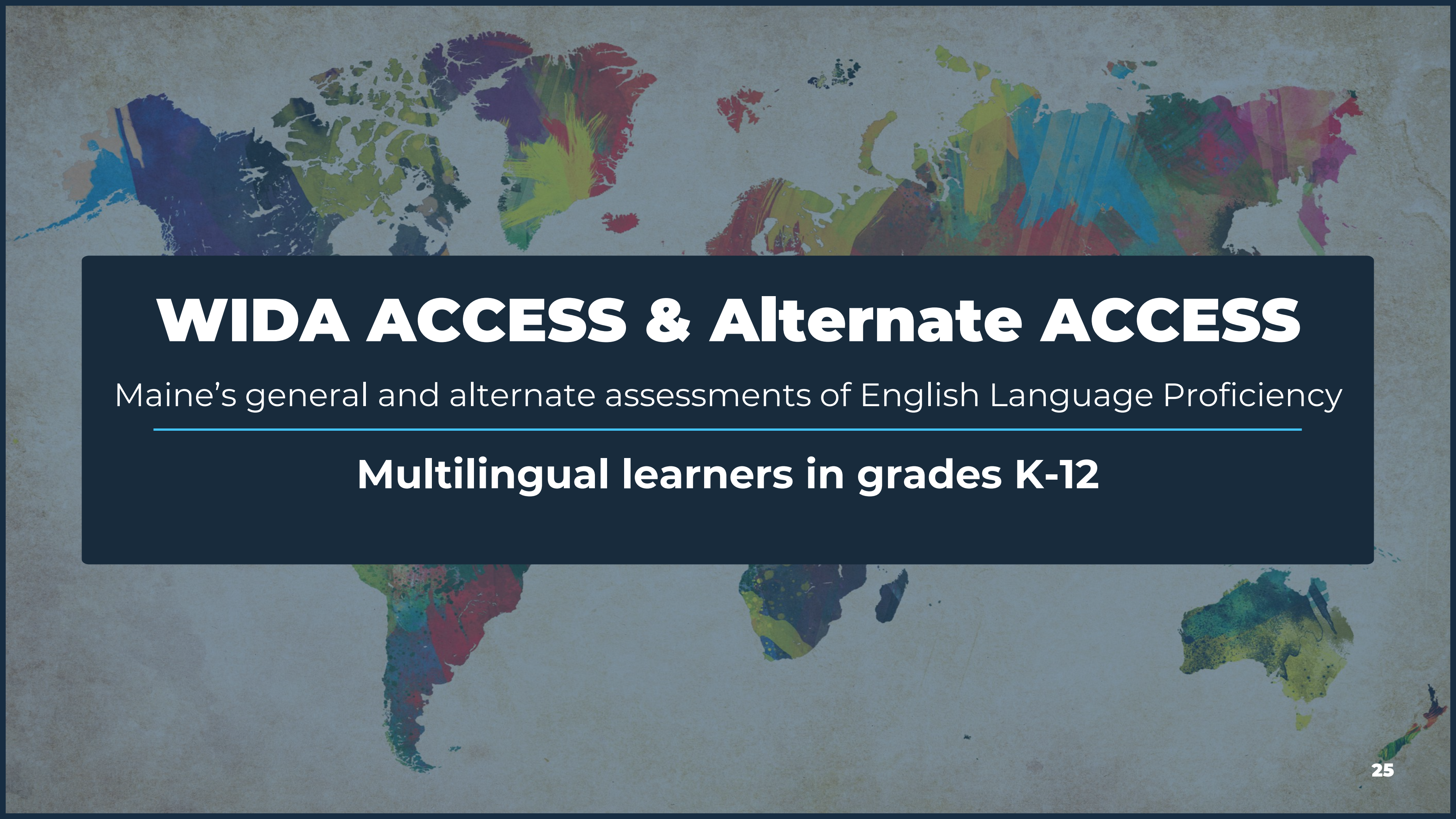
Other Information:

- **Location:** Virtual (Zoom)
- **Purpose:** You and your peers will be reviewing the proposed Spring 2027 Maine Science Assessment forms for clueing, representation of the science disciplines, a variety of cognitive tasks, a variety of topics, and logical flow of the form. A checklist will be provided.
- **Stipend:** \$150

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the [Educator Recruitment Form](#) by September 11, 2026.

Maine Science: Whom to Contact

Kite Service Desk (855) 277-9752 Kite-support@ku.edu	Maine DOE Assessment Team: Krista Averill (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov
• Accessing reports • DACs creating user accounts for other staff within their SAU	• Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, and reporting • Policy-related questions • Help with the creation of accounts in Kite (requires DAC approval)



WIDA ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS

Maine's general and alternate assessments of English Language Proficiency

Multilingual learners in grades K-12

Reminder

2026 ACCESS Reports

Available for Download

From the Published Reports page, WIDA AMS users can view, download, or print district-level and school-level report data.

To view or print published WIDA ACCESS reports, complete the following steps:

- Click **Reporting Services** from the WIDA AMS My Applications menu bar.
- Click **Published Reports** from the left-hand navigation menu on the Reporting Services landing page.
- Populate the State, District and School drop-down menus as needed. Additional filters will appear as you make your selection.
- Select the appropriate Registration Window from the drop-down menu.
- Click **Display Reports** to populate the Reports table or **Clear** to clear your filter criteria and start over.
- Use the checkboxes to the left of the report to select the report(s) for download.

Report Type	Report Title	Registration Window	State	District	School	Date
☐	DSR Files - District(Lov)	Alternate State/District Student Response File	ACCESS 2023-2024	WS	Wida Use Only - Sample District - WS99999	2/7/2024
☐	DSR Files - District(Lov)	Summative State/District Student Response File	ACCESS 2023-2024	WS	Wida Use Only - Sample District - WS99999	2/7/2024
☐	Frequency Reports	Alternate	ACCESS 2023-2024	WS	Wida Use Only - Sample District - WS99999	2/2/2024
☐	Frequency Reports	Summative	ACCESS 2023-2024	WS	Wida Use Only - Sample District - WS99999	1/31/2024
☐	Secure Material Tracking Reports	Secure Material Tracking Reports	ACCESS 2023-2024	WS	Wida Use Only - Sample District - WS99999	4/29/2024

Important Dates 2026-2027

11/19/26 - Test setup available for ACCESS Test Coordinators in WIDA AMS

10/23/26 - Paper Based Request Form Due Date

12/10-11/26 - Paper materials received by SAU central offices

2/22/27 - Deadline for ordering additional materials

1/4/27 -2/26/27 – Administration Window

Daily Office Hours will be held from 1-2pm throughout the assessment window.

To set up an office hours appointment, please reach out to [Mechelle Ganglfinger](#)

2/19/27 – Less Than Four Domains (LT4D) Request Form Due

4/28/27 - ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS district, school and student reports available in WIDA AMS

WIDA Secure Portal 2026-2027 Trainings

2026-2027 Required Trainings for WIDA ACCESS Screeners

- WIDA Screener Online
 - WIDA Screener Online: Administration
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
 - Writing for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA Screener
- WIDA Screener Paper
 - WIDA Screener Paper: Administration
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille
 - Writing for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA Screener
- WIDA Screener for Kindergarten
 - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Administration and Scoring

2026-2027 Required Training for WIDA ACCESS Test Administrators

- WIDA ACCESS Online
 - WIDA ACCESS Online: Administration
 - [ACCESS 4th grade Writing Domain \(paper booklet\)](#) - Maine DOE specific
- WIDA ACCESS Paper
 - WIDA ACCESS Paper: Administration
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA ACCESS Paper
- WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten
 - WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten: Administration and Scoring
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS
 - WIDA Alternate ACCESS: Administration and Scoring
- WIDA ACCESS Braille: Administration
 - WIDA ACCESS Braille
 - Speaking for Grades 1-5 (and/or 6-12): Scoring WIDA Screener and ACCESS Braille

WIDA Professional Learning Offering

Writing with Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Grades

2-day in-person workshop | 35 Participants Maximum

October 20 and 21, 2026 8:30-3:30 p.m.
DHHS Building, 109 Capital Street, Augusta

Audience: This workshop is designed for school-based teams including elementary grade-level teachers, English language development specialists, Special Education specialists, and instructional strategists/building leaders.

Description: Writing is more than a product—it is a tool for learning, connection, and advocacy. Join this interactive 2-day workshop to explore how intentional, language-focused instruction and the Teaching and Learning Cycle can support multilingual learners in developing the skills and confidence to write effectively across content areas and audiences.

Participants will explore how to:

- Build content-area background knowledge with the whole class so that students are equipped to write knowledgeably about the topic
- Examine the language of mentor texts with students in order to unpack highly valued ways of using language in a specific genre
- Jointly construct a text with students based on what was learned from those mentor texts
- Support students as they apply their learning about language choices in a target genre to their independent writing
- Engage students in a cycle of review, reflection, and revision to increase the effectiveness of their own writing



Register using the QR code.
Deadline: October 13, 2026



wida.wisc.edu

If you have questions, contact:
Jane.Armstrong@maine.gov

or register here:

[Writing for Multilingual Learners in the
Elementary Grades - WIDA in Person Workshop](#)

WIDA Professional Learning Offering

Nurturing Speaking Growth

Virtually Facilitated | 2 live webinars + online resources
60 Participants Maximum

October 27, 2026 & November 10, 2026
3:30-5 p.m.

Description

Participants will deepen their understanding of how to intentionally integrate oral language development into daily instruction to increase multilingual learners' access to rigorous, grade-level content and meaningful language use. Participants will be asked to speak and share ideas with colleagues during the webinars.

Audience

This virtual workshop is designed to support all K-12 educators in exploring classroom practices that promote oral language development.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will:

- Connect WIDA Key Language Uses to instructional practices in speaking
- Explore the impact of holding the floor for extended classroom discourse
- Choose teacher moves to support student voice and extended discourse
- Develop an ear for language to support precision decisions



Register using the QR code.
Deadline: October 20, 2026



If you have questions, contact:
Jane.Armstrong@maine.gov
wida.wisc.edu

or register here:

[Nurturing Speaking Growth - WIDA Virtual workshop](#)

Professional Learning for 26/27 School Year

Overview of ACCESS for New Test Coordinators (all coordinators welcome)

Monday, November 9, 2026, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Alternate ACCESS: An Overview for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators

Monday, November 23, 2026, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Accessibility Features and Accommodations on the WIDA ACCESS Assessment and WIDA Alternate ACCESS

Monday, December 14, 2026, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

WIDA ACCESS Grade 4 Writing Response Booklet

Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 3:15-3:45 p.m.

English Language Proficiency Data Interpretation & Integration

Monday, May 10, 2027, 3:15-4:30 p.m.

To see a full description and to register for these webinars please see the [Event Calendar | Department of Education](#)

Find all the available accessibility supports and accommodations for WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS in the [WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#)

What's new for this year:

Assistive Technology (AT)

The Assistive Technology (AT) accommodation allows students with hearing, visual, cognitive, or physical disabilities to use specific external devices or third-party software to access and interact with test content.

Manual Control of Item Audio (MC)

Starting in 2026–2027, the accommodation Manual Control of Item Audio (MC) will only be applicable to WIDA ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener Paper.

Speech-To-Text (STT)

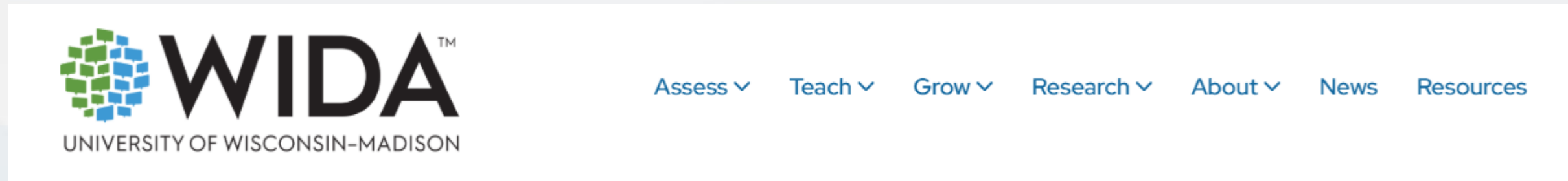
Speech-to-text is third-party software that uses voice recognition to convert speech into written text in applications and text boxes.

English Language Proficiency Assessments | Department of Education



The Maine DOE English Language proficiency webpage serves as a central resource for Maine’s English language proficiency assessments. It provides information and resources on assessment design and standards, required test administrator training, accessibility and accommodations, scoring and reporting, Alternate ACCESS, special assessment forms, and professional learning. The page also includes links to WIDA resources, Maine-specific guidance including the [SY 26-27 Assessment Timeline](#) and the [Maine DOE Scribing Protocol for WIDA ACCESS](#), assessment timelines, and contact information.

Maine | WIDA



The WIDA Maine page provides state-specific information and resources for implementing WIDA assessments and supporting multilingual learners. It includes assessment requirements and testing dates, test preparation and training, identification and placement guidance, standards and instructional support, professional learning opportunities, and state/WIDA contacts. The page also provides access to the WIDA Secure Portal and WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) for training, materials, student information, and testing resources.

WIDA Secure Portal

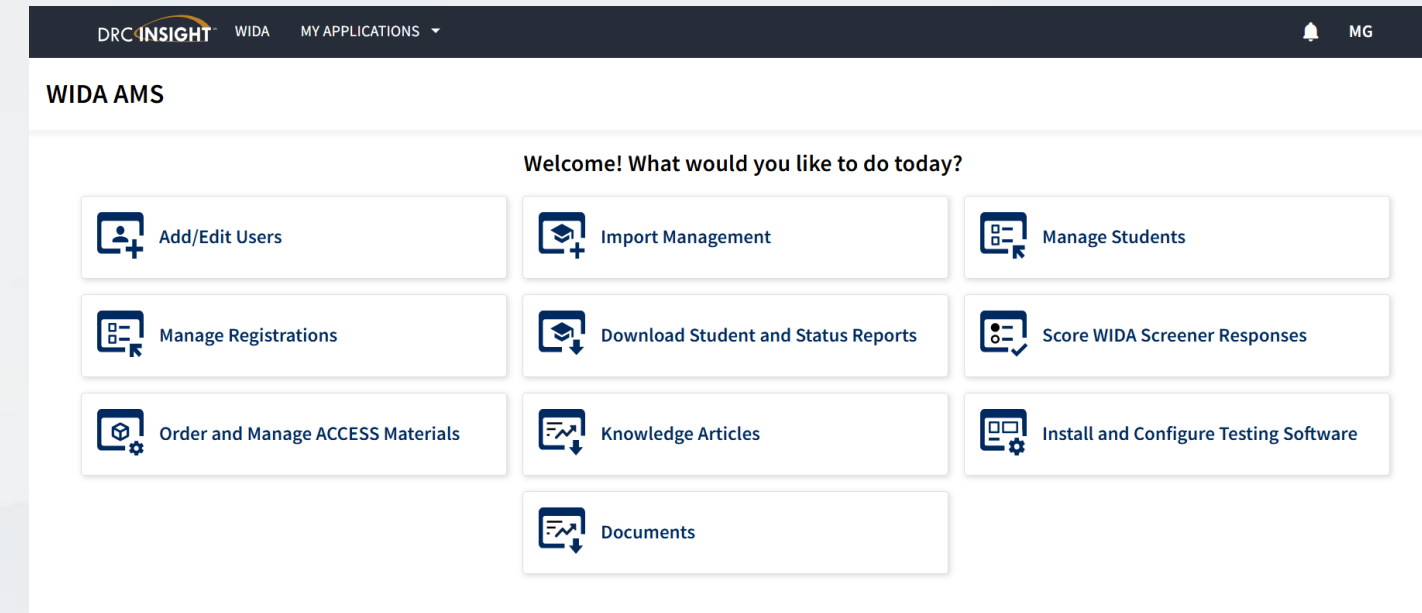


[Assessment Training](#) [Professional Learning](#) [Webinars](#) [Resources](#) [My Certifications](#)

The WIDA Secure Portal is a members-only platform for WIDA assessment training, professional learning, and secure resources. Depending on user permissions, educators can access assessment training and certification courses, professional learning, webinars, assessment materials and resources, and their personal training history and certificates. The portal also provides help and account support for WIDA users.

To obtain a new login, contact help@wida.wisc.edu, call (866) 276-7735, or contact your District Test Coordinator.

DRC Insight - WIDA AMS



The WIDA AMS portal is a secure portal used to manage and administer WIDA assessments online. It provides access to student testing, assessment management, test registrations, testing materials, reports, and technical resources.

DRC INSIGHT is a secure browser that delivers online assessments to students.

(This requires a software install on each local student testing device.

More information on installing and configuring software can be found on the WIDA AMS portal.

- New District Test Coordinators should contact DRC Customer Service at wida@datarecognitioncorp.com to request an account.
- To obtain a new login as a Test Administrator, contact your District Test Coordinator.

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)

Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards in reading, math and science (AA-AAAS)

Grades 3-8 and 3rd Year of High School

Online Reporting Window - MSAA

7/13/26 - 9/18/26 – Online reporting window for 2026 MSAA and MSAA Science

Beginning on page 39, the MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for Test Coordinators (TCs) provides instructions on how to access and download state, district, and school report files for the organizations with which you are associated during the online reporting window.

Only TCs have permission to view and download reports.

The Reports tab will not be activated until the online reporting window opens on July 13th.

**MSAA Online Assessment System User Guide for
Test Coordinators**

**Test Administration Window
March 9–April 24, 2026**

**ELA, Mathematics & Science Online Reporting Window
July 13–September 18, 2026**

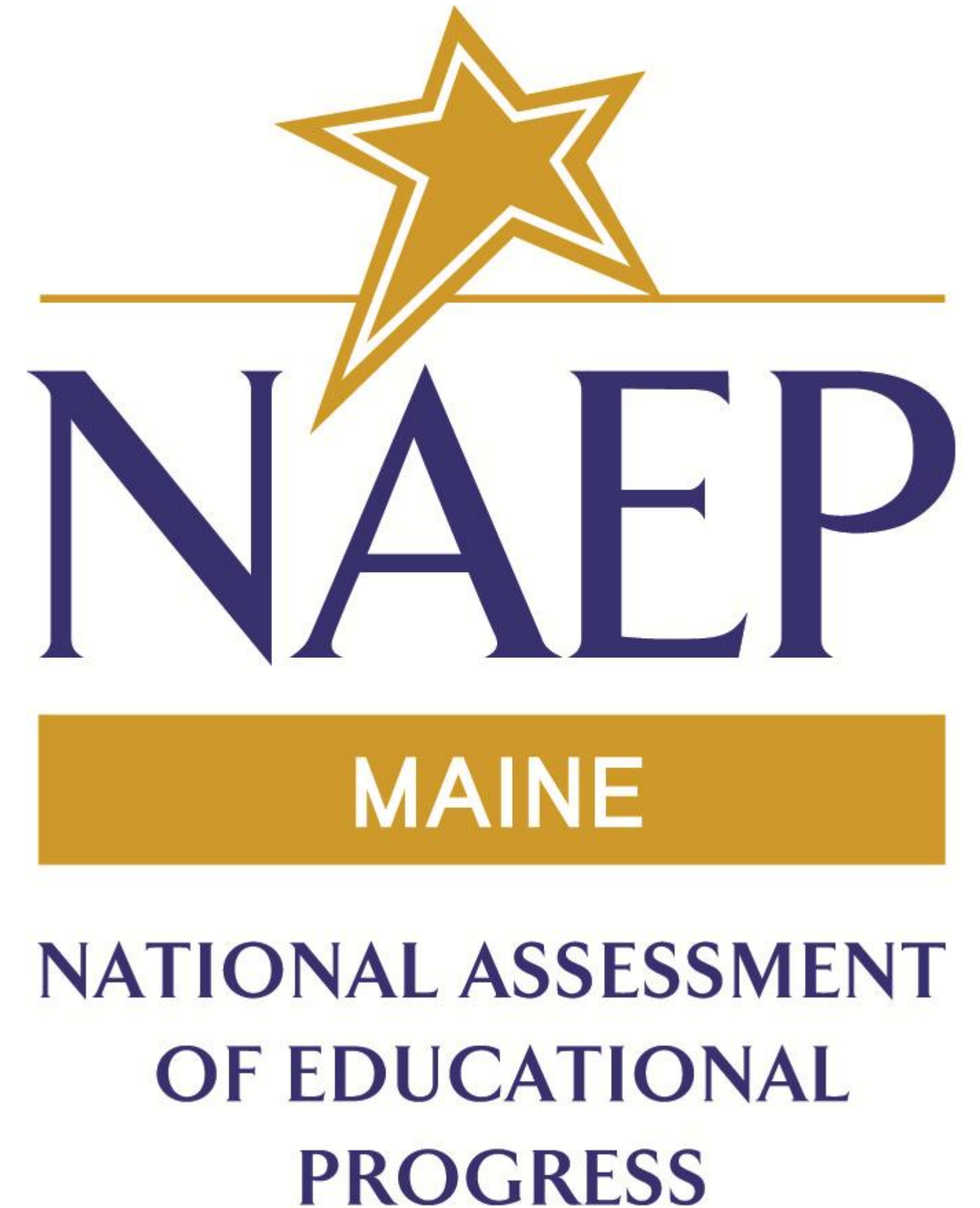


Multi-State Alternate Assessment: Whom to Contact

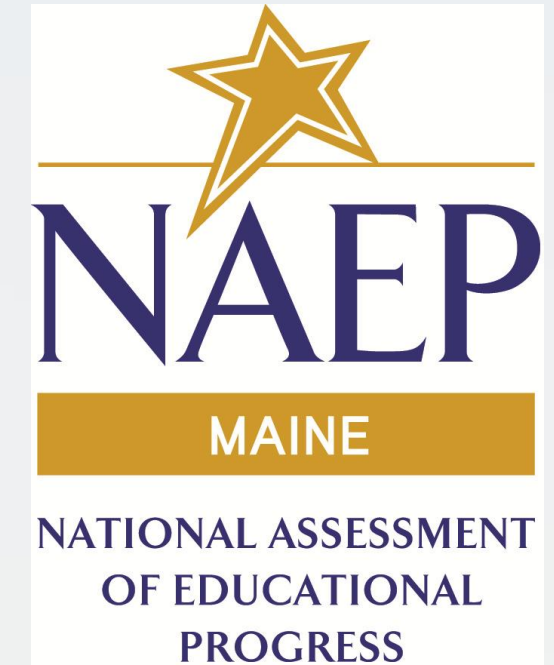
MSAA Service Desk (866) 834-8879 MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org Live Chat	Maine DOE Assessment Team: Mechelle Ganglfinger (207) 242-4244 Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov
• Issues with the platform • Questions around account permissions/creation • Mandatory training modules and quiz • Help logging in	• Questions related to assessment coordination, administration, and accessibility • Policy-related questions • Fixing a student who appears on your assessment roster in NEO but does not appear in the MSAA Platform <i>Please wait at least 36 hours after making the update in Synergy.</i> • Any problems that MSAA Service Desk is unable to answer

National and International Assessments

**NAEP:
January – March**



NAEP 2026 - Public Release of Results



Release is tentatively scheduled for late January 2027

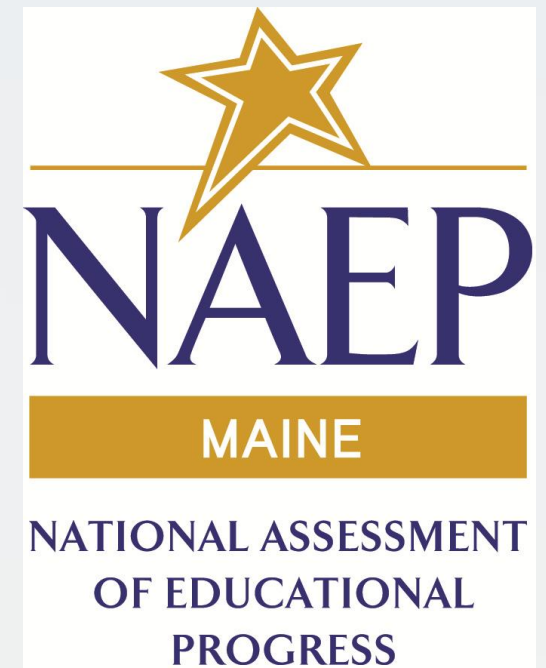
- To include a study comparing the administration of the device models – school devices vs. NAEP devices
- Both the mathematics and reading assessments were based on new frameworks
- Released items will be available

NAEP 2027

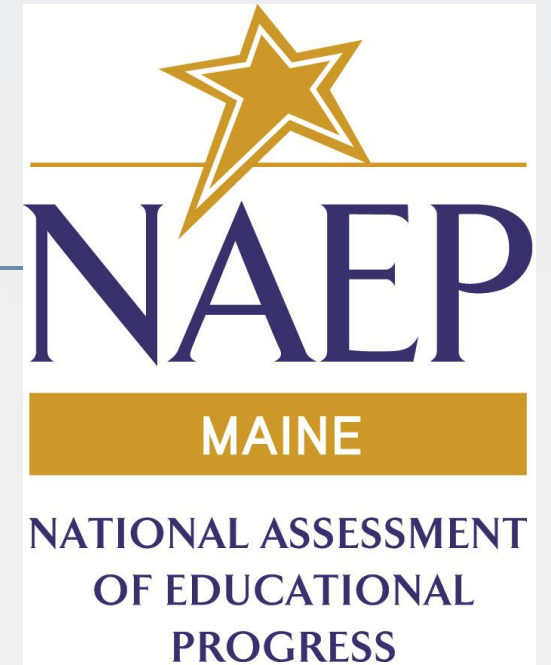
- No Maine schools have not been selected for participation in this small preparatory study for the larger administration of NAEP 2028.

NAEP 2028 and beyond

- NAEP plans to include MacOS and iOS devices for the 2020 administration.
- Additional accommodations for students will be added in 2028
- Updated [NAEP administration schedule](#) (online), [PDF version](#)
 - Including new voluntary subject assessments to be reported at the state level in addition to the national level
 - New civics framework underdevelopment



NAEP Resources



Experience Elements of NAEP

- [NAEP Assessment Tutorials](#)
- [Take NAEP Now Pop Quiz](#)
- [NAEP Survey Questionnaires](#)

For more information:

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Regina.Lewis@maine.gov

New NAEP 2026

Frameworks:

- [NAEP 2026 Reading Framework](#)
- [NAEP 2026 Mathematics Framework](#)

For information on Student Performance:

- [NAEP Data Explorer](#)
- [NAEP Questions Tool](#)
- [NAEP Item Maps](#)



Questions?

Thank You!



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