MEA for Science: The Basics

What is it?

MEA Science is a state summative assessment which aims to evaluate the depth of students' scientific knowledge. Results are primarily used to determine student academic progress, and may be used by specific schools to assist in curriculum design and/or at the state level.

When is it administered?

MEA Science is administered to students in grades 5, 8, and the third year of high school over the course of a 2-week period in late spring. Please check here for a continually updated administration calendar.

How is it designed?

MEA Science is a paper exam, made up of multiple choice (MC) and constructed response (CR) questions. Every year, approximately 25% of the questions asked on each exam are made available online for students and educators.

Where can I learn more?

For general inquiries, please contact Assessment Coordinator Nancy Godfrey at nancy.godfrey@maine.gov. For information on accommodations, grade-specific test design, and other general resources, please visit this page.

Still have questions?
Please contact Interim Director of Assessment Janette Kirk at janette.kirk@maine.gov for general inquiries.