Assessment Monthly Update

Maine Department of Education

Upcoming NWEA Professional Development

In advance of the upcoming Spring NWEA assessment window, the following professional development opportunities are available. Registration information is contained below and also included and available on the Maine DOE PD calendar.

Pre-Administration Training – Wednesday April 6, 2022 - 3:00 – 4:30 (Registration Link TBD)

- Maine Program & Assessment Overview
- NWEA Platform Technology Requirements
- MAP Growth Platform Settings
- Student Rostering

Administration Training – Wednesday April 13, 2022 3:00 – 4:30 (Registration Link TBD)

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- Maine Program & Assessment Overview
- Creating Assessment (Test) Sessions
- Accommodations & Accessibility
- Proctoring
- Monitoring Assessment Progress
- Maine DOE Policy Topics

Detailed descriptions related to above sessions are located on the Maine DOE PD Calendar.

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Maine Science

Science Window
Grades 5 & 8
May 2 - May 13

Science Window for HS
May 16 – May 27

Thank you to those that completed the survey regarding a possible extension to the Maine science assessment window. The Maine DOE continues to explore the possibility and impact of extending each Maine science assessment window by 2-weeks. Further information will be forthcoming.

As a reminder, the Maine Science assessment is administered online. However, there is not a remote administration option. The Maine Science assessment must be administered at the school building.

Paper-based versions of the assessment are available for students as outlined in an IEP or 504 plan. The online request order for paper link will be posted later this month.

Upcoming Science Professional Development
As the Department prepares for the implementation of the Maine Science assessment the following opportunities for professional development are available.

Installation of 2022 Lockdown Science/ADAM Browser
April 4, 2022, 3 - 4:30
REGISTER HERE

Rostering in ADAM Platform
April 11, 2022, 3 - 4:30
REGISTER HERE

Administration, Proctoring & Accessibility Review
April 25, 2022, 3 - 4:30
REGISTER HERE

Assessment Lunch and Learn / Office Hours 2021-2022

Changes to March Lunch & Learn/Office Hour schedule:

March 9
The focus of this session will shift and will target pertinent support related to the upcoming administration of the MSAA assessments. The MSAA assessment window opens on Monday, March 14, 2022. If you've previously registered for lunch and learn sessions, no additional registration is required.

March 23
This session has been added and will be the general Lunch & Learn/Office Hours session for the month of March. Registration to attend this newly added session is required. This information is also housed on the Maine DOE Professional Learning calendar.

A calendar of tentative topics is posted to the resources page on the Maine DOE assessment webpages. Please register in advance to attend these sessions.

Assessment Literacy

Over the past few years, the assessment team has heard from educators and SAU leaders the need for opportunities to extend understanding and knowledge of assessment across all stakeholders. As a result, the Department through collaboration with New Meridian, has developed and is excited to share three (3) modules related to assessment literacy. The first of the three modules, Module 1: Balanced Assessment is now available on the Maine DOE website. Modules 2 and 3 are in final development and have the tentative release dates below. We hope you find the three modules helpful in your conversations with stakeholders.

- Module 2: Data Driven Decision Making using Summative Assessments (estimated release 3/2/22)
- Module 3: Summative Assessment Content (estimated release 3/10/22)

ACCESS for ELLs /Alternate ACCESS for ELLs: 1/10/22 – 3/18/22

End of Administration Window Reminders and Updates:

- Onsite Technical Assistance Visits for the Winter 2022 ACCESS for ELLs administration conclude the week of March 7th. Data gathered around the State using the Observation Checklist Tool has provided critical data regarding the student assessment experience, as well as to inform planning for future trainings and support offered by the DOE.

- All ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment materials, including completed student forms and secure materials, must be shipped back to DRC no later than March 21, 2022.

  Online reporting in WIDA AMS will be available on 5/9/22, with printed reports received by districts no later than 5/25/22.

MSAA (ELA & Mathematics) & MSAA Science 3/14/22 – 4/29/22

Guides and Resources:

MSAA Test Administrator Manual 2022
MSAA Test Coordinator User Guide 2022
MSAA Test Administrator User Guide 2022
Sample Items Page

Important Upcoming Dates & Trainings

3/4/2022	Alternate Assessment Open Office Hours
3/7/2022	TA Training, Live Webinar
3/11/2022	Alternate Assessment Open Office Hours
3/14/2022	MSAA & MSAA Science Administration Window
7/18/2022	Online Reporting for Student, School & District Reports in the MSAA Platform

MSAA Open Office Hours

3/11/22
10:00 - 12:00
Link (Drop-In)

MSAA & MSAA Science Assessment Administrator

Live Webinar Training
Registration
3/7/2022
3:00 - 4:00

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2022

The NAEP administration window has been extended until Thursday, March 31, 2022 to assist with the challenges associated with COVID-19 and to provide greater flexibility with scheduling the assessment and any necessary makeup sessions. Participation rates are running slightly lower than anticipated with makeup sessions required to meet reporting thresholds. Most makeup sessions consist of a single administration in a single location.

Please remind teachers and administrators to complete the NAEP School and Teacher Questionnaires on or before the scheduled NAEP administration date for your school. NAEP uses these important tools to provide supplemental contextual information to student results. This added layer allows for greater depth of investigation in areas of importance including those of equity and inclusion.

As a reminder all NAEP Assessment Team personnel have received the COVID-19 vaccinations and will follow the NAEP 2022 COVID-19 protocols as well as the additional protocols required by Maine schools and/or SAUs. This includes daily screening, wearing masks while in the schools, and weekly testing. The health and safety of Maine students and educators are of our highest priority during the ongoing pandemic.

Educators' Voices: NAEP 2022 Participation

As an expression of thanks for the efforts of schools participating in NAEP 2022, a new video highlighting the importance of NAEP 2022 featuring Principals from across the country that describes why NAEP is critical to understanding students' achievement and experiences during the pandemic is now available. The video—Educators' Voices: NAEP 2022 Participation—can be viewed on the NAEP YouTube channel or directly at YouTube.

NEO & SYNERGY Reminders

A general reminder to ensure that contact information for teaching and non-teaching roles is updated within NEO. Instructions to update district roles (including DACs) may be found at: Updating Staff Contact Information.pdf (maine.gov). Please reach out to the MEDMS helpdesk with any questions or concerns.

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