Maine Department of Education

NWEA Math & ELA

NWEA assessment window for Grades 3-8 and 3rd year high school opens:

Monday May 2nd through June 10th.

NWEA Training Materials are posted for both Pre-Administration & Administration/Proctoring Sessions:

Pre-Administration April 6, 2022

- NWEA Assessment - Pre-Administration Training (Recording April 6, 2022)
- NWEA Pre-Admin Training Q & A Document from April 6, 2022
- NWEA Pre-Admin Slide Deck from April 6, 2022

Administration April 13, 2022

- NWEA Assessment: Administration Training (Recording April 13, 2022)
- NWEA Administration Training Q & A Document from April 13, 2022
- NWEA Administration Slide Deck from April 13, 2022

Office Hours - Lunch & Learn - May Format

Every Wednesday in May @ 12pm: Weekly Q&A Drop-In Sessions with the Assessment Team – Open to District Assessment Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, School Assessment Coordinators, and Assessment Administrators. Stop in and ask your questions! Please join us beginning Wednesday, May 4th through Wednesday, May 25th.

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NWEA Accessibility

Updated NWEA accessibility, supports and accommodation documents in relation to the changes in assignment of Text-To-Speech and Read Aloud/Human Reader are now posted.

NWEA Session Re-administration

- NWEA Re-Administration Policy 2021-2022 Update
- Qualtrics Survey for NWEA Re-administration

NWEA Support & Resources

- NWEA Partner Support = techsupport@nwea.org 855-430-1777
- NWEA Connection or Chat with an Expert

Maine Science

Maine Science assessment windows have been extended each by two (2) additional weeks. The revised assessment windows are listed below.

- Science window Grades 5 & 8 - May 2 - May 27
- Science window for HS – May 16 – June 10

As a reminder the Maine Science assessment is administered online through a lock-down browser. The assessment cannot be administered remotely.

Paper-based versions of the assessment are available for students as outlined in an IEP or 504 plan. The online request order form is located on the Zendesk. Deadlines for these orders are as follows:

- Grade 5 & 8 deadline Thursday May 12th
- High School deadline Thursday May 26th
- Paper Based Request Form

Science Training is Posted:

Installation of 2022 Lockdown Science/ADAM Browser April 4, 2022
- Installation of 2022 Lockdown Science/ADAM Browser Training from April 4, 2022
- Install Lockdown Browser Maine Science Slides
- Lockdown Install Browser Q & A Document

Rostering in ADAM Platform and Accessibility April 11, 2022
- Rostering in ADAM Platform Training April 11, 2022
- Rostering in ADAM Platform Slides
- Rostering in ADAM Q & A Document

Administration, Proctoring & Accessibility Review April 25, 2022
- Administration, Proctoring & Accessibility Review Recording
- Administration, Proctoring & Accessibility Review Slides
- Administration, Proctoring & Accessibility Q & A Document – available May 2nd
- Video Tutorials Webinars

Maine Science Support & Resources

- ZenDesk
- Promoted Articles or FAQ
- Highlight! Use this checklist as a resource to help determine readiness for administering the Maine Science assessment Before Assessment Day Checklist

Assessing Out of State (OOS) Students

NWEA Math & ELA: Sending SAUs are responsible for remotely administering the Math/ELA - NWEA assessment to all OOS students.

Maine Science: The OOS facilities are being assisted by Maine DOE Assessment Team and vendor New Meridian/MZD in order to administer the Maine Science assessment independently. An Assessment Administration Coordination Checklist is available to support communication between the SAU and the Out of State facility.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2022

Although 2002-2023 is not a major NAEP assessment year, three smaller components of the NAEP assessment will be conducted. The Long-Term Trend Age 13 assessment as well as a field trial and field test will be conducted. The field trial and field test will provide critical information for upcoming transitions to the traditional NAEP assessments. This transition includes a new assessment delivery system as well as changes to administration methods and devices. More details will be provided in the Lunch ’n Learn sessions as well as here in the Assessment Monthly Updates each month as the information becomes available.

ACCESS for ELLs / Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Important Upcoming Dates:

5/9/22- Reports available for download in WIDA AMS

5/17/22- WIDA Interpreting ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports Overview

5/25/22- Printed reports received by SAUs

The Winter 2023 ACCESS for ELLs Administration Window
January 9th - March 5th, 2023

International Assessments 2022-2023

International Assessment activity scheduled for the upcoming academic year include:

- Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022 full data collection of 15-year-old students scheduled for fall 2022 including financial literacy.
- International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS) collects assessment and contextual data from grade 8 students, teachers, and administrators. ICILS is scheduled for Spring 2023.
- Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) assesses mathematics and science achievement of grade 4 and grade 8 students. TIMSS is scheduled for Spring 2023.
- Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) – survey administered to teachers and principals of grade 7, 8, and 9 students. The TALIS survey is scheduled for Spring 2023 administration.

IIES released more data related to school responses to COVID-19

Building on the Spring 2021 NAEP Monthly School Survey, the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) continues to collect data on schools’ responses to the COVID-19 pandemic as part of their response to the Executive Order on Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers. New dashboards are available with information about schools’ responses to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2021-22 school year.

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.