# Assessment Team

# Office Hours/Lunch & Learn

February 9, 2022

**Questions & Answers**

# NWEA

# **Q: If we need to test a child in a different grade span in fall or Spring, I know we can do that outside of the window, but how far outside the window - wanting to make sure not to disrupt our ‘official’ rosters.**

A: The national windows are longer than the six-week state window. The winter (optional) window is through February 28, 2022.

If the SAU elects to additionally administer a grade span session other than the student’s enrolled grade level, these sessions should be scheduled pre- or post-state window. E.g., spring 2022 during 3/1-4/29 or after 6/10/22. There is no outlined number of days outside the state window.

The extended windows are also available on the [Assessment Calendar webpage.](https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/calendar)

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|  | **NWEA National Window (for local data)** | **State Window 2021-2022** |
| **Fall** | August 15 – November 30 | October 4 – November 12 |
| **(Winter optional)** | December 1 – February 28 | *\*(January 17 – February 11)* |
| ***Spring*** | March 1 – June 15 | May 2 – June 10 |

*\*Flexible determined on your local schedule of in between weeks of instruction*

**Q: How many days prior to the actual window opening does the district have to update the roster?**

A: Enrollments/rosters should be updated regularly, but the timing depends on when your SAU/school imports the roster into the NWEA/MARC platform. Once you upload your spring roster, you still can manually add/remove students who may have moved in or out of your SAU/school. Maine DOE will export the assessment roster for NWEA eligibility and accountability purposes on the final day of the testing window.

**Q: I’m confused by the state administration dates – winter is closing on 2/11/22 or 2/28/22?**

A: With over 75% of respondents to a Maine DOE administered survey indicating they would be implementing a winter administration of the NWEA MAP Growth assessment and in order to maintain consistency of instructional weeks between the three administrations, Maine DOE intentionally established the administration window for the Winter 2022 NWEA to end on 2/11/22. The winter administration is optional, not a state administration of the assessment, and districts can continue to assess through 2/28/22. The data from winter administration does not get shared with the DOE.

**Q: Question about the practice effect: how many days need to occur between administrations of NWEA (state window and national window)**

A: NWEA and DOE do not typically recommend a student be tested twice in a term, but local administration should be based on your weeks of in between instructional scheduling.