

MSAD #35 Assessment Programs

Assessment: CPAA (Children's Progress Academic Assessment)

School(s): Central School and Eliot Elementary

Grade Level(s): Grade PK, K, 1, 2 and 3

Date(s) Tested: Fall, Winter and Spring

Purpose: The CPAA provides an assessment in Math and ELA three times per year. It is part of the RTI system, and it is administered more frequently for some students for progress-monitoring purposes. CPAA provides teachers with aggregate and student-specific assessment data. In addition, CPAA recommends activities based on student performance that will build skills. There is also a dynamic parent report with valuable instructional resources.

Assessment: MEA, eMPowerME test

School(s): Central School, Eliot Elementary, Great Works School and Marshwood Middle School

Grade Level(s): Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Date(s) Tested: Spring

Purpose: A required assessment of the Maine Comprehensive Assessment System, the MEA measures the grade level expectations for grades 3-8 in English/Language Arts and Math. When results are released school teams analyze student-specific data as well as classroom, grade level and school level aggregate data in order to adjust programming to meet students' needs more appropriately. EMPOWER™ME is a computer based tests and is aligned to the content and skills outlined in Maine's College and Career Readiness Standards, adopted in 2011 to guide instruction in Maine's classrooms.

Assessment: NWEA (Northwest Educational Association)

School(s): Marshwood Great Works School and Marshwood Middle School

Grade Level(s): Grade 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Date(s) Tested: Fall, Winter and Spring

Purpose: The NWEA provides an assessment in reading, math and language skills. Progressive testing for students. Provides student learning trends and instruction deviations. Great teaching tool, allows for differentiation. Data used in 504 meetings, IEP meetings, and placement levels for students entering high school and instruction intervention. Results are broken down by scores and then areas of skills and concepts.

Assessment: MEA - Science (Maine Educational Assessment in Science)

School(s): Marshwood Great Works School and Marshwood Middle School

Grade Level(s): Grades 5 and 8

Date(s) Tested: Spring

Purpose: A required assessment of MeCAS, the assessment provides student-specific and aggregate data related to science instruction.

Assessment: NEAP - (National Assessment of Education Progress)

School(s): Great Works School, Marshwood Middle School and Marshwood High School

Grade Level(s): NEAP results are based on representative samples of students in grades 4, 8,

and 12 for the main assessments or samples of students at ages 9, 13, 17 years for the long-term trend assessment. These grades and ages were chosen because they represent critical junctures in academic achievement.

Date(s) Tested: Main assessments - January thru March; and long-term trend assessments - October thru May

Purpose: Selected schools across the state of Maine. This test is referred to as “The Nations Report Card.” The NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and beginning in 2014 in Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL).

Assessment: PAAP (Personalized Alternate Assessment Portfolios)

School(s): All District Schools

Grade Level(s): Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11

Date(s) Tested: Winter and Spring

Purpose: Maine’s alternate assessment, the PAAP, provides information about the academic achievement and progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities who, because of their unique learning needs, cannot access other assessments even with a combination of accommodations. The results from this assessment not only meet federal reporting requirements; they also provide educators, parents, and the public information to inform teaching and learning.

Assessment: PSAT School(s): Marshwood High School

Grade Level(s): Grade 10 and 11

Date(s) Tested: Fall

Purpose: A required assessment to measure student readiness for college. All students receive an individualized detailed Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS). Grade 11 students are provided access to My College Quick Start as an additional resource for SAT prep opportunities. Results are used to identify students in need of additional support towards college readiness (remediation and/or SAT prep support). Identifies students that are college ready and indicates potential AP classes the student would be successful in. Used to track MHS teacher and curriculum effectiveness.

Assessment: MHSA - Science (Maine High School Assessment in Science)

School(s): Marshwood High School

Grade Level(s): Grade 11

Date(s) Tested: Spring

Purpose: Maine High School Assessment in Science. Given in the spring along with SAT. Provides school wide data on student attainment of science standards.

Assessment: SAT

School(s): Marshwood High School

Grade Level(s): Grade 11

Date(s) Tested: Spring

Purpose: A required assessment of the Maine Comprehensive Assessment System (MeCAS). Provides school wide data on student attainment of math, critical reading and writing standards. Determines school’s attainment of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Linked with fall PSAT scores to measure teacher and curriculum effectiveness.

