

Spring 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, New Hampshire public and charter schools are required by state law (RSA 193-C) and federal accountability laws (Every Student Succeeds Act) to assess students using a standardized assessment. We utilize several assessments to comply with these requirements. For more details about our statewide assessments, please visit the [Office of Academics and Assessment](#).

Schools are working hard to coordinate the administration of the statewide assessments to ensure students have access to the assessments in a safe environment. If you have questions about test administration at your school, please contact the school principal/administrator.

Statewide assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They provide:

- An evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in core academic areas
- Serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college- and career-ready
- Help inform future instruction in the classroom

Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local formative and summative assessments, statewide summative assessment results provide teachers and parents with important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. They also provide information on how to best support learning recovery.

Below are the required assessments for public and charter school students:

Assessment	Grades	Content
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	3 rd -8 th	English Language Arts, Mathematics
NH SAS	5 th , 8 th & 11 th	Science
Digital SAT with Essay (School Day only)	11 th	English Language Arts, Mathematics
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	3 rd -8 th & 11 th	Alternate Assessment
ACCESS	K-12	English Language Development (only for English Language Learning Students who qualify)

Please click [2022-2023 Assessment Schedule](#) for specific information on state testing windows.

Exemption

Parents are allowed to exempt their child from participation in the statewide assessments (permitted in RSA 193-C:6). Parents must complete and submit an opt-out form that is provided by the school or district. Please contact the local school to receive a copy of this form. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your child from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided for your child. This non-participation will result in a zero for participation in federal accountability for the school/district.

Results

Student results for the NH SAS are generally available immediately upon the student completing the test. Parents will now be able to view NH SAS student results through the Family Portal. Parents can access the Family Portal by visiting New Hampshire’s assessment portal at: <https://nh-familyportal.cambiumast.com>. Upon request, the local school can send a student’s Individual Score Report (ISR) home before the end of the school year.

Lexile reading and **Quantile mathematics scores** will be available on the ISR. You can visit this [resource](#) to find more information on how to use these measures to understand a student’s reading and math level.

SAT results will be available in May and June. Students can [access their scores](#) with a College Board student account.

DLM and ACCESS test results should be provided by your student’s case manager or teacher. Please contact the school directly with questions on when to expect to receive these results.

Practice Tests

Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the NH SAS assessment portal at: <https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>.

College Board offers a range of SAT practice opportunities. Students who use the SAT practice tests are eligible for scholarships: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-presentation>.

DLM provides additional resources for parents to support student learning: <https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/dlm-assessments#parents>.

Average Testing Times

Grades 3-8	NH SAS	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment
English Language Arts/Reading	2 hours, 15 minutes	90-135 minutes
English Language Arts/Writing	2 hours	10-20 minutes
Mathematics	2 hours, 15 minutes	60-120 minutes
Grades 5, 8, 11	NH SAS - Science	DLM - Science
Science	2 hours	90-140 minutes
Grade 11	Digital SAT with Essay	DLM
English Language Arts and Mathematics	4 hours, 7 minutes or 4 hours, 35 minutes with 30-minute lunch	Same as listed above for ELA/Reading, ELA/Writing, mathematics, and science

“Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1111(b)(2) and New Hampshire law, RSA 193-C:6 requires each school district in the State to implement a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics, reading/language arts and science to be administered in each of grades 3-8 and not less than once during grades 10-12; and in science not less than once during grades 3-5, grades 6-9, and grades 10-12. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(2)(B) require State assessments to be the “same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students in the State,” and provide for the participation in such assessments to all students.”