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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2005–2006 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State’s measure of student progress in achieving the State standards, known as *Learning Results*, adopted by the Maine Legislature in 1997. The MEA has been based on the *Learning Results* and administered to students in grades 4 and 8 to meet state assessment requirements since 1998. For the first time this year, it was administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 and aligned to Grade Level Expectations to meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Due to those changes, it was necessary to set new standards this year. These new achievement standards will be used to establish a baseline to which future scores for both groups of students and individuals can be compared. The standards are the result of a comprehensive process approved by advisory committees and informed by Maine teachers. They will stay in place until the current Maine *Learning Results* are revised according to statute, and future assessments are aligned to the revised *Learning Results*. At such time, the standard-setting process will be conducted again.

The 2005–2006 MEA Summary Reports contain the baseline status results of student performance in reading, mathematics, and science and technology reported according to the new standards and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Student scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. More information about the design of the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index/htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the Maine Educational Assessment.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education



School Report Grade 3

ID: 11661415
School: Vassalboro Community School
District: Vassalboro School Department
Date: March 2006

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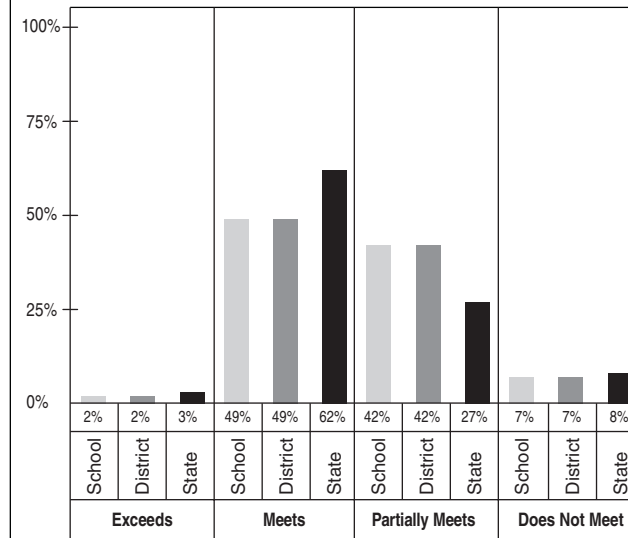
SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Vassalboro Community School
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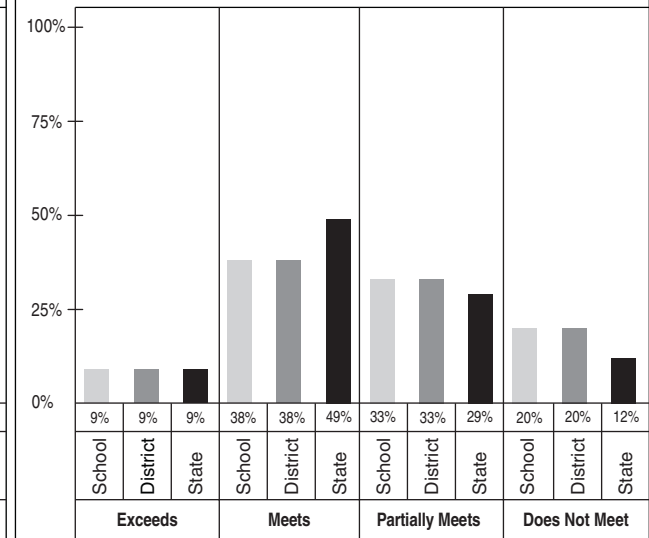
Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	344	344	345
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	340	340	344

ELA-READING



MATHEMATICS





SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Vassalboro Community School
 District: Vassalboro School Department
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CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION²

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window					
	School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	55	100	55	100	14094	100
Ethnicity						
African American/Black	0	0	0	0	370	3
American Indian/Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	113	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	201	1
Caucasian/White	55	100	55	100	13229	94
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	169	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0
Identified disability	12	22	12	22	2381	17
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	319	2
Economically disadvantaged	24	44	24	44	5366	38
Migrant	0	0	0	0	19	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics												
School		District	State		School		District	State		School		District	State		
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
55	100	55	100	13930	99	55	100	55	100	13944	99				
0		0		356	96	0		0		366	99				
0		0		110	97	0		0		110	97				
0		0		196	98	0		0		198	99				
55	100	55	100	13090	99	55	100	55	100	13091	99				
0		0		166	98	0		0		167	99				
0		0		12	100	0		0		12	100				
12	100	12	100	2306	97	12	100	12	100	2308	97				
0		0		300	94	0		0		315	99				
24	100	24	100	5285	98	24	100	24	100	5296	99				
0		0		19	100	0		0		19	100				

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	Enrollment ¹ during testing window					
	School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Students who took the assessment without accommodations	48	87	48	87	11176	80
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	5	10	5	10	613	5
LEP	0	0	0	0	156	1
504 plan	1	2	1	2	99	1
Students who took the assessment with accommodations	7	13	7	13	2651	19
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	7	100	7	100	1606	61
LEP	0	0	0	0	134	5
504 plan	0	0	0	0	32	1
Other	0	0	0	0	906	34
Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available	0	0	0	0	103	1
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0		87	84
LEP	0		0		10	10
504 plan	0		0		0	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics												
School		District	State		School		District	State		School		District	State		
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
48	87	48	87	11176	80	48	87	48	87	11195	80				
5	10	5	10	613	5	5	10	5	10	631	6				
0	0	0	0	156	1	0	0	0	0	151	1				
1	2	1	2	99	1	1	2	1	2	103	1				
7	13	7	13	2651	19	7	13	7	13	2671	19				
7	100	7	100	1606	61	7	100	7	100	1610	60				
0	0	0	0	134	5	0	0	0	0	157	6				
0	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	28	1				
0	0	0	0	906	34	0	0	0	0	901	34				
0	0	0	0	103	1	0	0	0	0	78	1				
0		0		87	84	0		0		67	86				
0		0		10	10	0		0		7	9				
0		0		0	0	0		0		0	0				

¹ Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category. ² Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area. ³ Percents are the percentage of students in each content area who participated with each mode of participation.



ELA-READING RESULTS

School: Vassalboro Community School
 District: Vassalboro School Department
 Grade: 3
 Date: March 2006

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS	The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's Grade Level Expectations in English language arts – reading.	STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	%	
Exceeds the Standards - The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 361-380)		2005–2006	1	2	1	2	3
Meets the Standards - The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 341-360)		2005–2006	27	49	27	49	62
Partially Meets the Standards - The student's work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (Scaled Score 331-340)		2005–2006	23	42	23	42	27
Does Not Meet the Standards - The student's work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (Scaled Score 300-330)		2005–2006	4	7	4	7	8

Learning Results Content Standard Cluster	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		District		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Reading Cluster	46	100	26.5	57.6	26.5	57.6	27.6	60.0
Literary Text	41	89	23.3	56.8	23.3	56.8	24.6	60.0
Informational Text	5	11	3.2	64.0	3.2	64.0	3.1	62.0

The Maine *Learning Results* reading cluster includes Content Standards A (Process of Reading), B (Literature and Culture), and D (Informational Texts). The MEA assesses students' reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Passages include both long and short authentic texts, selected from developmentally appropriate published works. Grade Level Expectations, based on Maine's *Learning Results*, are the basis for the MEA at grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 and can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm>.

Note: Caution should be exercised when interpreting scores that are based on less than 10 points.



ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

School: Vassalboro Community School
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Reporting Categories	School					State					Questionnaire Items	Sch.		State		
	% Students in Each Category	Scaled Score	% Exceeds or Meets the Standards	% Partially Meets the Standards	% Does Not Meet the Standards	% Students in Each Category	Scaled Score	% Exceeds or Meets the Standards	% Partially Meets the Standards	% Does Not Meet the Standards		% Students in Each Category	% Students in Each Category	Scaled Score	% Exceeds or Meets the Standards	% Does Not Meet the Standards
Gender																
Female	38	345	57	38	5	48	346	71	23	6	Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?					
Male	62	342	47	44	9	52	343	60	30	10		A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	30	33	345	66
Ethnicity											Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?					
African American/Black						3	340	49	34	17		A. very good	30	44	346	72
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	340	42	36	22	B. good	44	45	344	64	8
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	345	65	26	9	C. fair	24	9	341	47	13
Caucasian/White	100	344	51	42	7	94	345	66	26	8	D. poor	2	2	336	28	31
Hispanic						1	342	49	40	11	How hard was the reading part of this test?					
Not Reported						0	342	42	50	8	A. harder than my regular schoolwork	11	21	341	47	16
Economically disadvantaged											How hard were the reading passages on this test?					
Yes	44	339	29	54	17	38	342	52	35	13		A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read.	15	19	339	36
No	56	347	68	32	0	62	346	73	22	6	B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	58	48	345	70	6
Title 1A targeted program											How much time do you spend reading at home each day?					
Yes	13	333	0	71	29	12	339	36	46	17		A. more than one hour	25	20	346	69
No	87	345	58	38	4	88	345	69	24	7	B. 20 minutes to an hour	37	46	346	71	6
Migrant											How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?					
Yes						0	338	56	11	33		A. five or fewer pages	27	29	343	57
No	100	344	51	42	7	100	345	65	27	8	B. six to ten pages	37	23	344	65	8
Gifted/talented program											Optional school/district question					
Yes	13	355	100	0	0	2	356	98	2	0		A.				
No	87	342	44	48	8	98	344	65	27	9	B.					
Identified disability											How much homework do you do on school nights?					
Yes	22	339	17	67	17	16	338	32	44	25		A. None				
No	78	345	60	35	5	84	346	71	23	5	B. Less than one hour	71	344	54	41	5
Limited English proficient students											How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?					
Current LEP in first 10 months												C. One to two hours	18	346	60	40
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	337	30	42	28	D. More than two hours					
How much homework do you do on school nights?											Optional school/district question					
A. None						5	340	45	34	22		A.				
B. Less than one hour	71	344	54	41	5	79	345	68	26	7	B.					
C. One to two hours	18	346	60	40	0	13	345	66	26	8	C.					
D. More than two hours						3	338	33	41	26	D.					



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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 Grade: 3
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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS	The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's Grade Level Expectations in mathematics.	STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	%	
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (Scaled Score 361-380)		2005–2006	5	9	5	9	9
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student's work may contain minor errors. (Scaled Score 341-360)		2005–2006	21	38	21	38	49
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (Scaled Score 325-340)		2005–2006	18	33	18	33	29
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (Scaled Score 300-324)		2005–2006	11	20	11	20	12

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
	N	%	School		District		State	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations	15	31	7.8	52.0	7.8	52.0	8.4	56.0
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	29	9.6	68.6	9.6	68.6	10.4	74.3
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	6	13	3.7	61.7	3.7	61.7	3.9	65.0
Cluster 4: Patterns	13	27	7.2	55.4	7.2	55.4	8.0	61.5

Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations
 A. Numbers and Number Sense
 B. Computation
 I. Discrete Mathematics

Cluster 2: Shape and Size
 E. Geometry
 F. Measurement

Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making
 C. Data Analysis and Statistics
 D. Probability
 J. Mathematical Reasoning

Cluster 4: Patterns
 G. Patterns, Relations, and Functions
 H. Algebra Concepts
 K. Mathematical Communication

Each content standard in the clusters above is defined in Maine's *Learning Results*. Grade Level Expectations, based on Maine's *Learning Results*, are the basis for the MEA at grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 and can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm>.



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Gender																
Female	38	341	48	29	24	48	343	57	30	13	Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics? A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class. B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned. C. Yes, they match just a little of what I have learned. D. No, there is no match. Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics? A. very good B. good C. fair D. poor How hard was the mathematics part of this test? A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never How often do you use calculators in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class? A. less than 30 minutes B. 30-45 minutes C. 45-60 minutes D. more than 60 minutes					
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Gifted/talented program																
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Optional school/district question																
A.																
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