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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](http://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: 12001501  
School: Steep Falls Elementary School  
District: MSAD 06  
Date: March 2006

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The report is divided into four main sections including a section describing the students tested and a separate section for the results in each content area.

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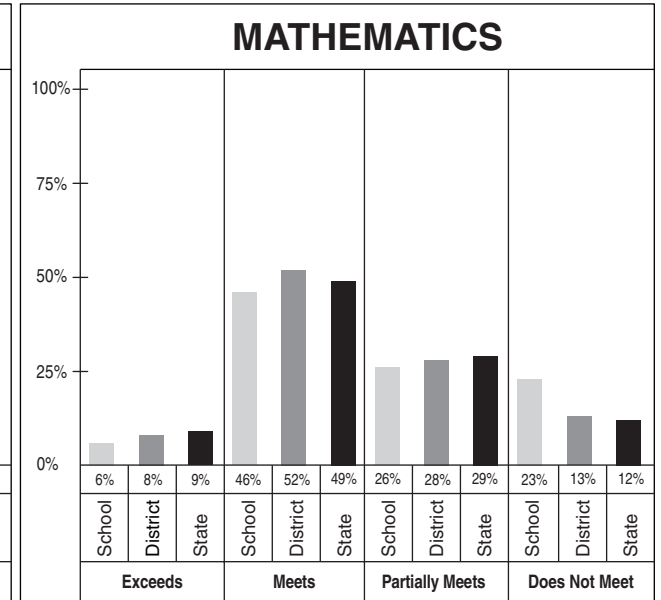
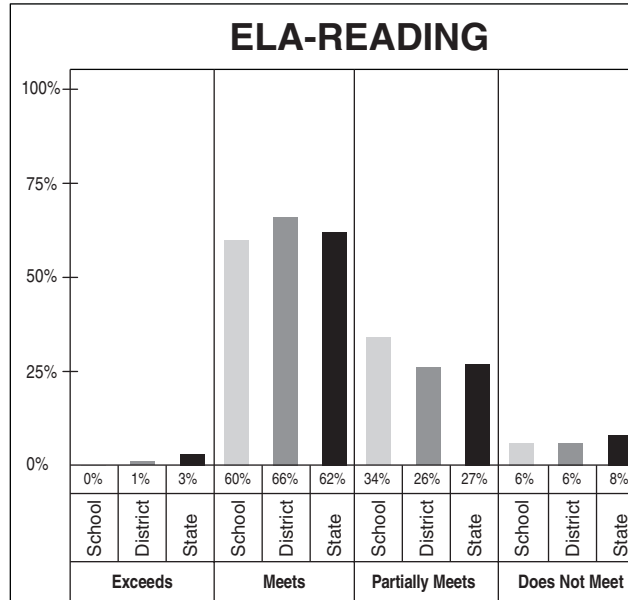


# SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Steep Falls Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 06  
 Grade: 3  
 Date: March 2006

## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	344	345	345
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	341	344	344





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Steep Falls Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 06  
 Grade: 3  
 Date: March 2006

## CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION<sup>2</sup>

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment <sup>1</sup> during testing window					
	School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Total number of students</b>	35	100	309	100	14094	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	1	3	3	1	370	3
American Indian/Native Alaskan	1	3	2	1	113	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	1	0	201	1
Caucasian/White	33	94	300	97	13229	94
Hispanic	0	0	1	0	169	1
Not Reported	0	0	2	1	12	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	5	14	53	17	2381	17
<b>Current LEP</b>	0	0	1	0	319	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	13	37	113	37	5366	38
<b>Migrant</b>	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	%	n	%
35	100	304	98	13930	99	35	100	304	98	13944	99						
1	100	3	100	356	96	1	100	3	100	366	99						
1	100	2	100	110	97	1	100	2	100	110	97						
0		1	100	196	98	0		1	100	198	99						
33	100	295	98	13090	99	33	100	295	98	13091	99						
0		1	100	166	98	0		1	100	167	99						
0		2	100	12	100	0		2	100	12	100						
5	100	50	94	2306	97	5	100	50	94	2308	97						
0		1	100	300	94	0		1	100	315	99						
13	100	109	96	5285	98	13	100	109	96	5296	99						
0		0		19	100	0		0		19	100						

## MODE OF PARTICIPATION<sup>3</sup>

MODE OF PARTICIPATION <sup>3</sup>	ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
	School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Students who took the assessment without accommodations</b>	28	80	250	82	11176	80	28	80	250	82	11195	80						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	11	13	5	613	5	3	11	13	5	631	6						
LEP	0	0	1	0	156	1	0	0	1	0	151	1						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	103	1						
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	7	20	54	18	2651	19	7	20	54	18	2671	19						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	2	29	37	69	1606	61	2	29	37	69	1610	60						
LEP	0	0	0	0	134	5	0	0	0	0	157	6						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	28	1						
Other	5	71	17	31	906	34	5	71	17	31	901	34						
<b>Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available</b>	0	0	0	0	103	1	0	0	0	0	78	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0		87	84	0		0		67	86						
LEP	0		0		10	10	0		0		7	9						
504 plan	0		0		0	0	0		0		0	0						

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



# ELA-READING RESULTS

School: Steep Falls Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 06  
 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	%	%	
<b>Exceeds the Standards</b> - 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	0	0	4	1	3
<b>Meets the Standards</b> - 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	21	60	202	66	62
<b>Partially Meets the Standards</b> - 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	12	34	79	26	27
<b>Does Not Meet the Standards</b> - 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	2	6	19	6	8

Learning Results Content Standard Cluster	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		District		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Reading Cluster</b>	46	100	26.9	58.5	28.3	61.5	27.6	60.0
<b>Literary Text</b>	41	89	23.9	58.3	25.0	61.0	24.6	60.0
<b>Informational Text</b>	5	11	3.0	60.0	3.3	66.0	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:** Steep Falls Elementary School  
**District:** MSAD 06  
**Grade:** 3  
**Date:** March 2006

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
<b>Gender</b>																
Female	37	345	62	38	0	48	346	71	23	6	<b>Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?</b> A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class. B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned. C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned. D. No, there is no match.  <b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?</b> A. very good B. good C. fair D. poor  <b>How hard was the reading part of this test?</b> A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork  <b>How hard were the reading passages on this test?</b> A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read. B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read. C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.  <b>How much time do you spend reading at home each day?</b> A. more than one hour B. 20 minutes to an hour C. less than 20 minutes D. I rarely read at home  <b>How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?</b> A. five or fewer pages B. six to ten pages C. eleven or more pages	40	33	345	66	9
Male	63	343	59	32	9	52	343	60	30	10		34	42	346	71	6
<b>Ethnicity</b>																
African American/Black						3	340	49	34	17						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	340	42	36	22						
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	345	65	26	9						
Caucasian/White	94	344	61	33	6	94	345	66	26	8						
Hispanic						1	342	49	40	11						
Not Reported						0	342	42	50	8						
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>																
Yes	37	342	46	46	8	38	342	52	35	13						
No	63	345	68	27	5	62	346	73	22	6						
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>																
Yes						12	339	36	46	17						
No	94	345	64	36	0	88	345	69	24	7						
<b>Migrant</b>																
Yes						0	338	56	11	33						
No	100	344	60	34	6	100	345	65	27	8						
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>																
Yes						2	356	98	2	0						
No	100	344	60	34	6	98	344	65	27	9						
<b>Identified disability</b>																
Yes	14	345	80	20	0	16	338	32	44	25						
No	86	344	57	37	7	84	346	71	23	5						
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>																
Current LEP in first 10 months																
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	337	30	42	28						
<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>																
A. None	46	344	56	44	0	5	340	45	34	22						
B. Less than one hour	49	343	59	29	12	79	345	68	26	7						
C. One to two hours						13	345	66	26	8						
D. More than two hours						3	338	33	41	26						
<b>Optional school/district question</b>																
A.																
B.																
C.																
D.																



# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Steep Falls Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 06  
 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 mathematics.	STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	%	
<b>Exceeds the Standards</b> – 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	2	6	25	8	9
<b>Meets the Standards</b> – 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	16	46	157	52	49
<b>Partially Meets the Standards</b> – 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	9	26	84	28	29
<b>Does Not Meet the Standards</b> – 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	8	23	38	13	12

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
	N	%	School		District		State	
			N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations</b>	15	31	8.0	53.3	8.9	59.3	8.4	56.0
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	29	9.5	67.9	9.9	70.7	10.4	74.3
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	6	13	3.7	61.7	3.9	65.0	3.9	65.0
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	13	27	7.7	59.2	8.1	62.3	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>.



# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

## (CONTINUED)

**School:** Steep Falls Elementary 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
<b>Gender</b>																
Female	37	340	46	38	15	48	343	57	30	13	<b>Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?</b> 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.					
Male	63	341	55	18	27	52	345	61	29	11		29	40	346	66	9
<b>Ethnicity</b>																
African American/Black						3	336	40	35	25	<b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?</b> A. very good B. good C. fair D. poor  <b>How hard was the mathematics part of this test?</b> A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork  <b>How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?</b> A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never  <b>How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?</b> A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never  <b>On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?</b> A. less than 30 minutes B. 30-45 minutes C. 45-60 minutes D. more than 60 minutes					
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	339	46	33	21		54	40	345	60	9
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	346	64	25	11		9	14	340	46	17
Caucasian/White	94	341	52	27	21	94	344	59	29	11		9	6	336	37	26
Hispanic						1	339	45	35	20						
Not Reported						0	343	58	25	17						
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>																
Yes	37	342	54	38	8	38	340	47	36	17	40	40	347	66	10	
No	63	340	50	18	32	62	346	66	26	9	40	45	344	59	10	
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>																
Yes						12	336	34	43	23	31	16	337	37	23	
No	94	342	55	24	21	88	345	62	28	10	43	56	346	63	8	
<b>Migrant</b>																
Yes						0	337	33	39	28	26	28	346	63	11	
No	100	341	51	26	23	100	344	59	29	12						
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>																
Yes						2	361	98	1	0	18	31	341	50	16	
No	100	341	51	26	23	98	344	58	30	12	38	33	346	65	9	
<b>Identified disability</b>																
Yes	14	346	80	20	0	16	336	35	37	28	35	27	346	65	9	
No	86	340	47	27	27	84	346	63	28	9	9	9	341	50	19	
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>																
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	317	20	10	70	9	7	334	56	14	
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	334	35	34	32	60	25	343	56	14	
<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>																
A. None	46	341	50	31	19	5	338	43	33	25	11	16	339	44	19	
B. Less than one hour	49	342	59	12	29	79	345	61	29	10	9	32	345	61	10	
C. One to two hours						13	344	60	28	12	43	32	346	64	9	
D. More than two hours						3	332	27	35	39	37	21	344	60	12	
<b>Optional school/district question</b>																
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