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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: 12231581  
School: Houlton Elementary School  
District: MSAD 29  
Date: March 2006

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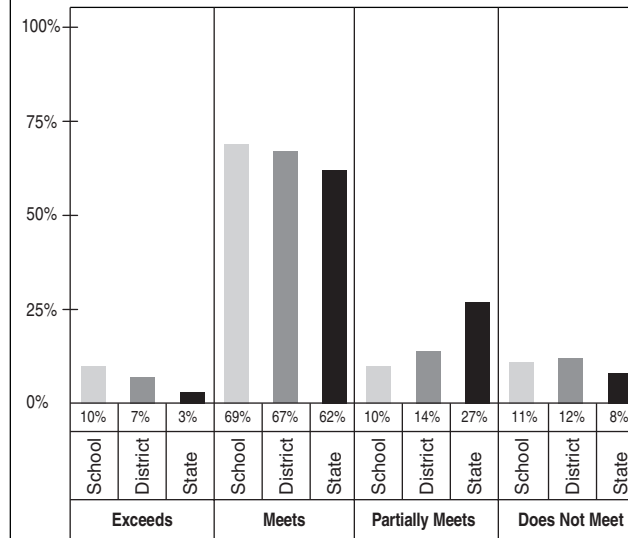
# SUMMARY OF SCORES

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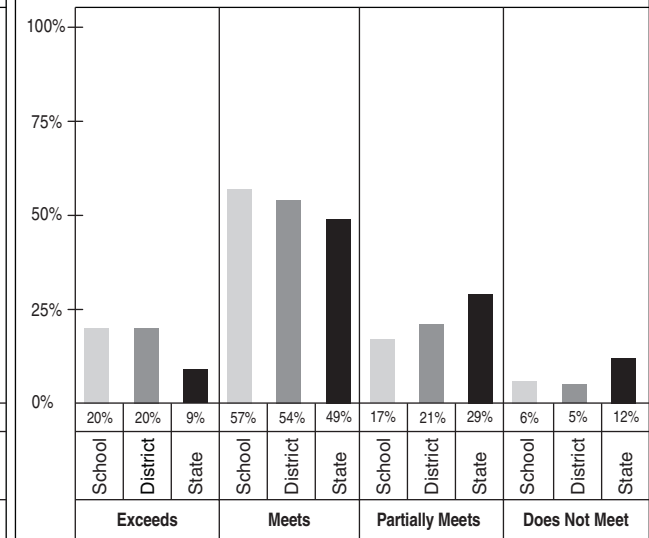
## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	347	346	345
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	350	350	344

### ELA-READING



### MATHEMATICS





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Houlton Elementary School  
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## 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>	72	100	83	100	14094	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	3	4	3	4	370	3
American Indian/Native Alaskan	7	10	12	14	113	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	201	1
Caucasian/White	62	86	67	81	13229	94
Hispanic	0	0	1	1	169	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	18	25	23	28	2381	17
<b>Current LEP</b>	0	0	0	0	319	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	41	57	52	63	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	%
70	97	81	98	13930	99	70	97	81	98	13944	99						
3	100	3	100	356	96	3	100	3	100	366	99						
7	100	12	100	110	97	7	100	12	100	110	97						
0		0		196	98	0		0		198	99						
60	97	65	97	13090	99	60	97	65	97	13091	99						
0		1	100	166	98	0		1	100	167	99						
0		0		12	100	0		0		12	100						
16	89	21	91	2306	97	16	89	21	91	2308	97						
0		0		300	94	0		0		315	99						
39	95	50	96	5285	98	39	95	50	96	5296	99						
0		0		19	100	0		0		19	100						

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>	56	80	61	75	11176	80	56	80	61	75	11195	80						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	4	7	5	8	613	5	4	7	5	8	631	6						
LEP	0	0	0	0	156	1	0	0	0	0	151	1						
504 plan	3	5	3	5	99	1	3	5	3	5	103	1						
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	14	20	20	25	2651	19	14	20	20	25	2671	19						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	12	86	16	80	1606	61	12	86	16	80	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	2	14	4	20	906	34	2	14	4	20	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: Houlton Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 29  
 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	7	10	6	7	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	48	69	54	67	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	7	10	11	14	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	8	11	10	12	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	29.3	63.7	28.5	62.0	27.6	60.0
<b>Literary Text</b>	41	89	25.9	63.2	25.1	61.2	24.6	60.0
<b>Informational Text</b>	5	11	3.4	68.0	3.4	68.0	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.**





# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Houlton Elementary School  
 District: MSAD 29  
 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	14	20	16	20	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	40	57	44	54	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	12	17	17	21	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	4	6	4	5	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	10.3	68.7	10.4	69.3	8.4	56.0
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	29	11.1	79.3	10.8	77.1	10.4	74.3
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	6	13	4.3	71.7	4.4	73.3	3.9	65.0
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	13	27	8.8	67.7	8.7	66.9	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: Houlton 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	49	349	74	21	6	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>						
Male	51	351	81	14	6	52	345	61	29	11		A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	58	40	346	66	9
<b>Ethnicity</b>											<b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?</b>						
African American/Black						3	336	40	35	25		A. very good	51	40	347	66	10
American Indian/Native Alaskan	10	339	29	57	14	1	339	46	33	21		B. good	30	45	344	59	10
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	346	64	25	11		C. fair	20	12	339	42	17
Caucasian/White	86	352	83	12	5	94	344	59	29	11		D. poor	0	2	333	25	30
Hispanic						1	339	45	35	20							
Not Reported						0	343	58	25	17							
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>											<b>How hard was the mathematics part of this test?</b>						
Yes	56	346	69	21	10	38	340	47	36	17		A. harder than my regular schoolwork	14	16	337	37	23
No	44	355	87	13	0	62	346	66	26	9	B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	62	56	346	63	8	
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>											<b>How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?</b>						
Yes						12	336	34	43	23		A. almost every day	16	31	341	50	16
No	100	350	77	17	6	88	345	62	28	10	B. two or three days a week	32	33	346	65	9	
<b>Migrant</b>											<b>How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?</b>						
Yes						0	337	33	39	28		A. almost every day	9	7	334	28	29
No	100	350	77	17	6	100	344	59	29	12	B. two or three days a week	12	18	342	52	13	
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>											<b>On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?</b>						
Yes	9	366	100	0	0	2	361	98	1	0		A. less than 30 minutes	10	16	339	44	19
No	91	349	75	19	6	98	344	58	30	12	B. 30-45 minutes	24	32	345	61	10	
<b>Identified disability</b>											<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>						
Yes	23	337	38	38	25	16	336	35	37	28		A. None	79	354	87	13	0
No	77	354	89	11	0	84	346	63	28	9	B. Less than one hour	10	346	71	29	0	
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>											<b>Optional school/district question</b>						
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	317	20	10	70		A.					
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	334	35	34	32	B.						
											C.						
											D.						