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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: 12341625
School: Union Elem & Gaul Middle Schs
District: MSAD 40
Date: March 2006

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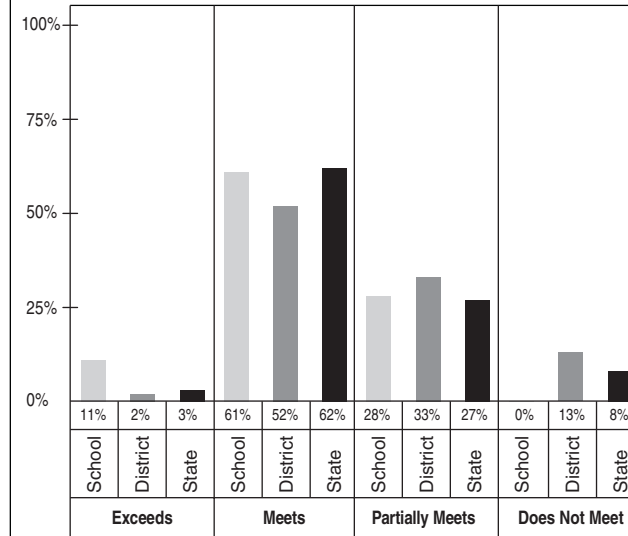
SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Union Elem & Gaul Middle Schs
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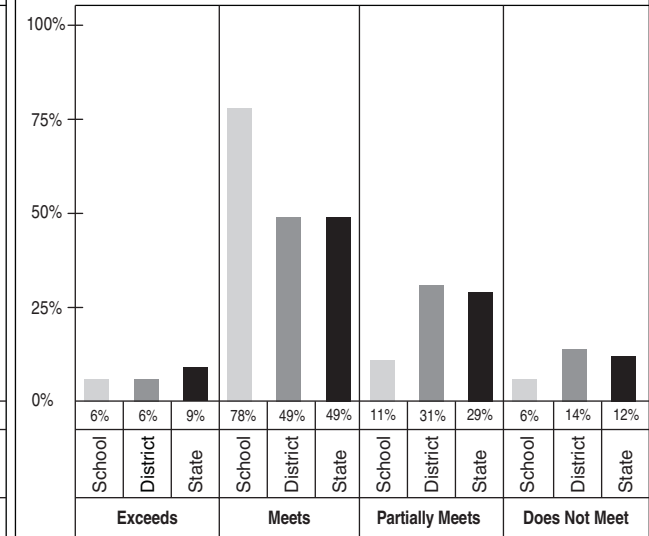
Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005-2006	350	342	345
MATHEMATICS 2005-2006	348	342	344

ELA-READING



MATHEMATICS





SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Union Elem & Gaul Middle Schs
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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	18	100	127	100	14094	100
Ethnicity						
African American/Black	0	0	0	0	370	3
American Indian/Native Alaskan	0	0	1	1	113	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	201	1
Caucasian/White	18	100	126	99	13229	94
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	169	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0
Identified disability	4	22	15	12	2381	17
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	319	2
Economically disadvantaged	11	61	69	54	5366	38
Migrant	0	0	1	1	19	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics												
School		District	State		School		District	State		School		District	State		
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
18	100	126	99	13930	99	18	100	126	99	13944	99				
0		0		356	96	0	0			366	99				
0		1	100	110	97	0		1	100	110	97				
0		0		196	98	0		0		198	99				
18	100	125	99	13090	99	18	100	125	99	13091	99				
0		0		166	98	0		0		167	99				
0		0		12	100	0		0		12	100				
4	100	15	100	2306	97	4	100	15	100	2308	97				
0		0		300	94	0		0		315	99				
11	100	69	100	5285	98	11	100	69	100	5296	99				
0		1	100	19	100	0		1	100	19	100				

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading			Mathematics												
	School		District	State		School		District	State		School		District	State		
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Students who took the assessment without accommodations	13	72	91	72	11176	80	13	72	92	73	11195	80				
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	1	1	613	5	0	0	1	1	631	6				
LEP	0	0	0	0	156	1	0	0	0	0	151	1				
504 plan	0	0	1	1	99	1	0	0	1	1	103	1				
Students who took the assessment with accommodations	5	28	33	26	2651	19	5	28	32	25	2671	19				
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	4	80	14	42	1606	61	4	80	14	44	1610	60				
LEP	0	0	0	0	134	5	0	0	0	0	157	6				
504 plan	0	0	2	6	32	1	0	0	2	6	28	1				
Other	1	20	17	52	906	34	1	20	16	50	901	34				
Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available	0	0	2	2	103	1	0	0	2	2	78	1				
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0	0	87	84	0		0	0	67	86				
LEP	0		0	0	10	10	0		0	0	7	9				
504 plan	0		0	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: Union Elem & Gaul Middle Schs
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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 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	2	11	3	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	11	61	64	52	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	5	28	41	33	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	0	0	16	13	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	31.2	67.8	25.6	55.7	27.6	60.0
Literary Text	41	89	27.8	67.8	22.8	55.6	24.6	60.0
Informational Text	5	11	3.4	68.0	2.8	56.0	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

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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	67	350	75	25	0	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	33	349	67	33	0	52	343	60	30	10						
Ethnicity																
African American/Black						3	340	49	34	17	A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	24	33	345	66	9
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	340	42	36	22						
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	345	65	26	9	B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	53	42	346	71	6
Caucasian/White	100	350	72	28	0	94	345	66	26	8	C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned.	18	17	343	60	9
Hispanic						1	342	49	40	11	D. No, there is no match.	6	9	341	49	17
Not Reported						0	342	42	50	8	Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?					
Economically disadvantaged											A. very good	44	44	346	72	6
Yes	61	348	64	36	0	38	342	52	35	13	B. good	50	45	344	64	8
No	39	352	86	14	0	62	346	73	22	6	C. fair	6	9	341	47	13
Title 1A targeted program											D. poor	0	2	336	28	31
Yes	28	343	60	40	0	12	339	36	46	17	How hard was the reading part of this test?					
No	72	352	77	23	0	88	345	69	24	7	A. harder than my regular schoolwork	39	21	341	47	16
Migrant											B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	44	55	346	72	5
Yes						0	338	56	11	33	C. easier than my regular schoolwork	17	24	345	66	8
No	100	350	72	28	0	100	345	65	27	8	How hard were the reading passages on this test?					
Gifted/talented program											A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read.	6	19	339	36	19
Yes						2	356	98	2	0	B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	67	48	345	70	6
No	100	350	72	28	0	98	344	65	27	9	C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	28	33	347	75	6
Identified disability											How much time do you spend reading at home each day?					
Yes						16	338	32	44	25	A. more than one hour	11	20	346	69	7
No	78	351	79	21	0	84	346	71	23	5	B. 20 minutes to an hour	28	46	346	71	6
Limited English proficient students											C. less than 20 minutes	44	20	343	59	11
Current LEP in first 10 months											D. I rarely read at home	17	15	342	53	14
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	337	30	42	28	How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?					
How much homework do you do on school nights?											A. five or fewer pages	6	29	343	57	11
A. None						5	340	45	34	22	B. six to ten pages	17	23	344	65	8
B. Less than one hour	78	350	71	29	0	79	345	68	26	7	C. eleven or more pages	78	48	346	70	7
C. One to two hours						13	345	66	26	8						
D. More than two hours						3	338	33	41	26						
Optional school/district question																
A.																
B.																
C.																
D.																



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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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	1	6	7	6	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	14	78	61	49	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	2	11	39	31	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	1	6	17	14	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	9.9	66.0	7.9	52.7	8.4	56.0
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	29	10.6	75.7	10.1	72.1	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	9.3	71.5	7.7	59.2	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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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											Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?					
Female	67	346	83	8	8	48	343	57	30	13		A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	56	40	346	66
Male	33	351	83	17	0	52	345	61	29	11	B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	39	40	345	60	9
Ethnicity											C. Yes, they match just a little of what I have learned.	6	14	340	46	17
African American/Black						3	336	40	35	25	D. No, there is no match.	0	6	336	37	26
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	339	46	33	21	Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?					
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	346	64	25	11	A. very good	61	40	347	66	10
Caucasian/White	100	348	83	11	6	94	344	59	29	11	B. good	39	45	344	59	10
Hispanic						1	339	45	35	20	C. fair	0	12	339	42	17
Not Reported						0	343	58	25	17	D. poor	0	2	333	25	30
Economically disadvantaged											How hard was the mathematics part of this test?					
Yes	61	351	82	18	0	38	340	47	36	17	A. harder than my regular schoolwork	12	16	337	37	23
No	39	343	86	0	14	62	346	66	26	9	B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	82	56	346	63	8
Title 1A targeted program											C. easier than my regular schoolwork	6	28	346	63	11
Yes	28	344	80	20	0	12	336	34	43	23	How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?					
No	72	349	85	8	8	88	345	62	28	10	A. almost every day	53	31	341	50	16
Migrant						0	337	33	39	28	B. two or three days a week	18	33	346	65	9
Yes						100	344	59	29	12	C. two or three times each month	18	27	346	65	9
No	100	348	83	11	6	100	344	59	29	12	D. never	12	9	341	50	19
Gifted/talented program											How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?					
Yes						2	361	98	1	0	A. almost every day	13	7	334	28	29
No	100	348	83	11	6	98	344	58	30	12	B. two or three days a week	13	18	342	52	13
Identified disability											C. two or three times each month	38	50	347	67	7
Yes						16	336	35	37	28	D. never	38	25	343	56	14
No	78	349	93	0	7	84	346	63	28	9	On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?					
Limited English proficient students											A. less than 30 minutes	12	16	339	44	19
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	317	20	10	70	B. 30-45 minutes	65	32	345	61	10
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	334	35	34	32	C. 45-60 minutes	18	32	346	64	9
How much homework do you do on school nights?											D. more than 60 minutes	6	21	344	60	12
A. None						5	338	43	33	25						
B. Less than one hour	78	347	86	7	7	79	345	61	29	10						
C. One to two hours						13	344	60	28	12						
D. More than two hours						3	332	27	35	39						
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