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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 5

ID: 10571241  
School: Falmouth Middle School  
District: Falmouth School Department  
Date: March 2006

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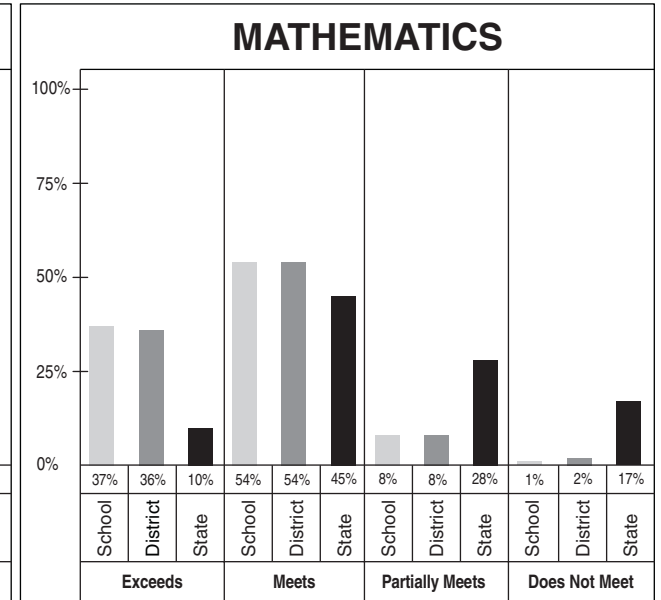
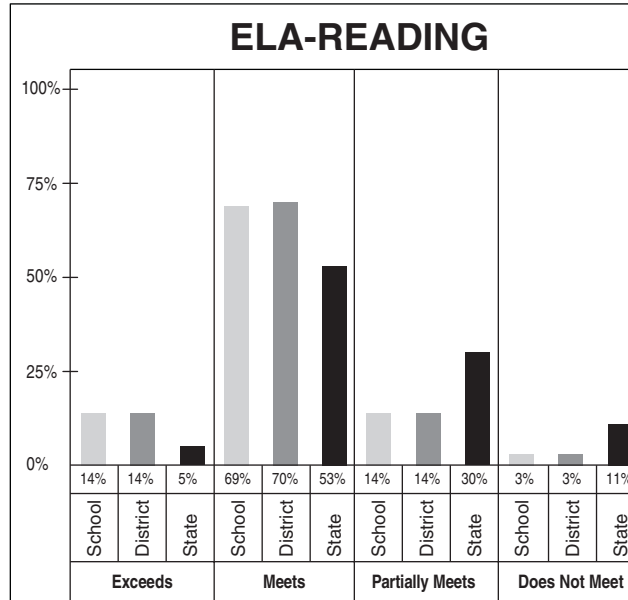


# SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Falmouth Middle School  
 District: Falmouth School Department  
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## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005-2006	551	551	544
MATHEMATICS 2005-2006	558	557	543





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Falmouth Middle School  
 District: Falmouth School Department  
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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>	182	100	183	100	14541	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	4	2	4	2	343	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	1	1	1	1	101	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	4	8	4	214	1
Caucasian/White	168	92	168	92	13723	94
Hispanic	1	1	2	1	153	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	7	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	23	13	24	13	2526	17
<b>Current LEP</b>	0	0	0	0	305	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	3	2	3	2	5462	38
<b>Migrant</b>	0	0	0	0	18	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
182	100	183	100	14388	99	182	100	183	100	14397	99						
4	100	4	100	333	97	4	100	4	100	339	99						
1	100	1	100	99	98	1	100	1	100	99	98						
8	100	8	100	209	98	8	100	8	100	212	99						
168	100	168	100	13595	99	168	100	168	100	13592	99						
1	100	2	100	146	95	1	100	2	100	149	97						
0		0		6	86	0		0		6	86						
23	100	24	100	2458	97	23	100	24	100	2458	97						
0		0		287	94	0		0		300	98						
3	100	3	100	5385	99	3	100	3	100	5393	99						
0		0		17	94	0		0		17	94						

## 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>	161	88	161	88	11592	81	161	88	161	88	11572	80						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	6	4	6	4	458	4	5	3	5	3	465	4						
LEP	0	0	0	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	150	1						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	105	1	0	0	0	0	107	1						
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	19	10	20	11	2671	19	19	10	20	11	2725	19						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	15	79	16	80	1892	71	16	84	17	85	1907	70						
LEP	0	0	0	0	126	5	0	0	0	0	139	5						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	57	2						
Other	4	21	4	20	625	23	3	16	3	15	654	24						
<b>Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available</b>	2	1	2	1	125	1	2	1	2	1	100	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	2	100	2	100	108	86	2	100	2	100	86	86						
LEP	0	0	0	0	12	10	0	0	0	0	11	11						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	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: Falmouth Middle School  
 District: Falmouth School Department  
 Grade: 5  
 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 561-580)		25	14	25	14	5
<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 541-560)		125	69	126	70	53
<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 531-540)		25	14	25	14	30
<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 500-530)		5	3	5	3	11

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>	48	100	35.2	73.3	35.2	73.3	30.2	62.9
<b>Literary Text</b>	24	50	17.5	72.9	17.5	72.9	14.9	62.1
<b>Informational Text</b>	24	50	17.6	73.3	17.6	73.3	15.4	64.2

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>.



# ELA-READING RESULTS

## (CONTINUED)

**School:** Falmouth Middle 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	46	552	81	16	4	49	545	62	28	10						
Male	54	550	86	12	2	51	543	55	33	12						
<b>Ethnicity</b>																
African American/Black						2	538	41	34	24						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	539	43	32	26						
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	552	88	13	0	1	543	60	23	17						
Caucasian/White	92	551	83	14	3	95	544	59	30	11						
Hispanic						1	542	52	33	16						
Not Reported						0	538	50	0	50						
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>																
Yes						37	540	44	38	18						
No	98	551	84	14	2	63	546	66	26	7						
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>																
Yes						10	537	29	50	21						
No	100	551	83	14	3	90	545	61	28	10						
<b>Migrant</b>																
Yes						0	538	44	31	25						
No	100	551	83	14	3	100	544	58	30	11						
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>																
Yes						3	557	96	3	1						
No	100	551	83	14	3	97	544	57	31	12						
<b>Identified disability</b>																
Yes	12	544	62	24	14	16	534	22	42	36						
No	88	552	86	13	1	84	546	65	28	7						
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>																
Current LEP in first 10 months																
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	534	27	40	33						
<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>																
A. None						5	539	44	33	23						
B. Less than one hour	67	550	82	16	2	67	544	60	30	10						
C. One to two hours	30	553	89	7	4	25	545	60	31	10						
D. More than two hours						2	537	33	38	29						
<b>Optional school/district question</b>																
A.																
B.																
C.																
D.																
<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.											34	37	546	66	9	
B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.											56	47	544	60	9	
C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned.											6	12	539	40	20	
D. No, there is no match.											3	4	536	29	30	
<b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?</b>																
A. very good											27	30	548	73	8	
B. good											59	54	543	57	10	
C. fair											12	15	539	37	19	
D. poor											1	2	535	22	36	
<b>How difficult was the reading part of this test?</b>																
A. harder than my regular schoolwork											11	16	540	43	21	
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork											70	63	545	61	9	
C. easier than my regular schoolwork											19	20	545	62	9	
<b>How difficult were the reading passages on this test?</b>																
A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read.											7	12	536	28	31	
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.											47	53	543	56	10	
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.											46	35	548	72	6	
<b>How much time do you spend reading at home each day?</b>																
A. more than one hour											9	18	546	67	9	
B. 20 minutes to an hour											78	56	545	62	9	
C. less than 20 minutes											8	12	541	47	17	
D. I rarely read at home											4	13	540	43	19	
<b>How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?</b>																
A. five or fewer pages											12	24	541	46	18	
B. six to ten pages											27	27	543	57	12	
C. eleven or more pages											61	49	546	65	7	



# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Falmouth Middle School  
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 Grade: 5  
 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 561-580)		2005–2006	66	37	66	36	10
<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 541-560)		2005–2006	98	54	98	54	45
<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 529-540)		2005–2006	14	8	14	8	28
<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 500-528)		2005–2006	2	1	3	2	17

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>	16	33	12.5	78.1	12.5	78.1	9.2	57.5
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	29	9.0	64.3	8.9	63.6	6.7	47.9
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	7	15	5.4	77.1	5.4	77.1	3.2	45.7
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	11	23	9.1	82.7	9.0	81.8	7.9	71.8

**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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<b>Gender</b>																
Female	46	557	90	8	1	49	543	55	28	17	<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.  <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 difficult 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					
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