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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 6

ID: 11461376  
School: Saco Middle School  
District: Saco School Department  
Date: March 2006

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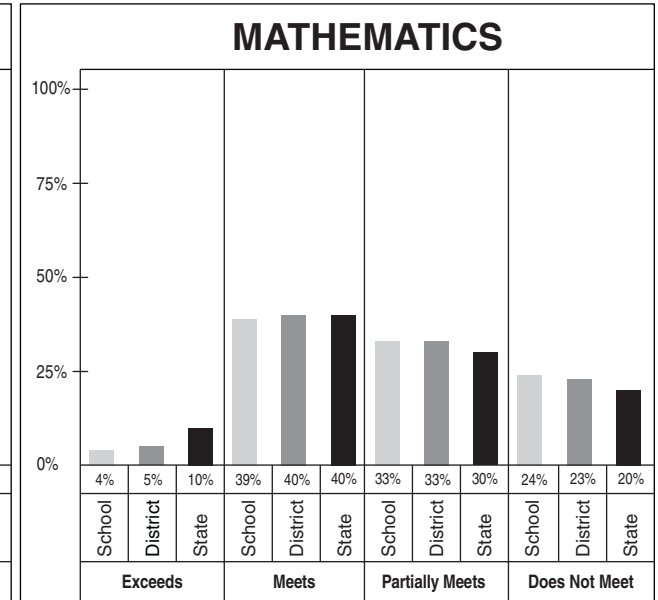
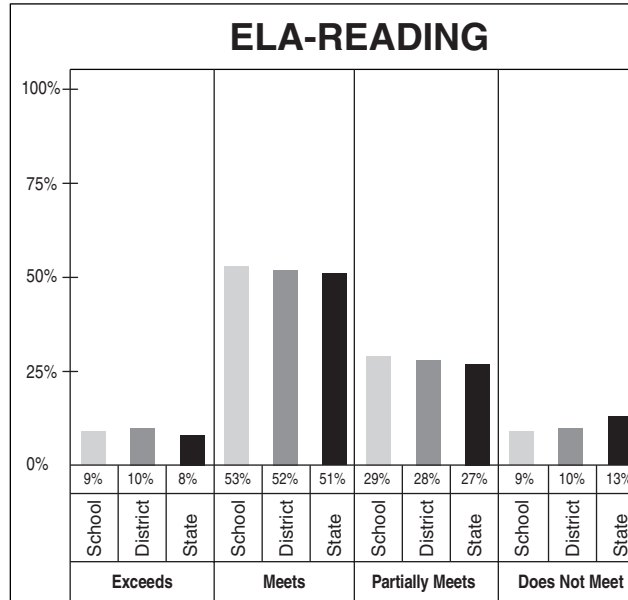


# SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Saco Middle School  
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## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	645	645	644
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	637	637	641





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Saco Middle 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>	240	100	202	100	15164	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	6	3	5	2	327	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	3	1	3	1	117	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	2	4	2	180	1
Caucasian/White	226	94	189	94	14411	95
Hispanic	1	0	1	0	117	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	39	16	34	17	2463	16
<b>Current LEP</b>	3	1	3	1	287	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	55	23	52	26	5557	37
<b>Migrant</b>	0	0	0	0	29	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
239	100	201	100	14994	99	239	100	201	100	15000	99						
6	100	5	100	312	95	6	100	5	100	322	98						
3	100	3	100	115	98	3	100	3	100	115	98						
4	100	4	100	176	98	4	100	4	100	177	98						
225	100	188	99	14264	99	225	100	188	99	14258	99						
1	100	1	100	116	99	1	100	1	100	116	99						
0		0		11	92	0		0		12	100						
39	100	34	100	2380	97	39	100	34	100	2380	97						
2	67	2	67	271	94	2	67	2	67	282	98						
55	100	52	100	5468	98	55	100	52	100	5472	98						
0		0		29	100	0		0		29	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>	207	87	170	85	12532	84	207	87	170	85	12495	83						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	10	5	6	4	507	4	10	5	6	4	504	4						
LEP	1	0	1	1	137	1	1	0	1	1	128	1						
504 plan	4	2	3	2	133	1	4	2	3	2	135	1						
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	32	13	31	15	2341	16	31	13	30	15	2390	16						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	29	91	28	90	1764	75	28	90	27	90	1770	74						
LEP	1	3	1	3	127	5	1	3	1	3	148	6						
504 plan	2	6	1	3	47	2	2	6	1	3	45	2						
Other	2	6	2	6	419	18	2	6	2	7	443	19						
<b>Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available</b>	0	0	0	0	121	1	1	0	1	0	115	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0		109	90	1	100	1	100	106	92						
LEP	0		0		7	6	0	0	0	0	6	5						
504 plan	0		0		2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2						

<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: Saco Middle School  
 District: Saco School Department  
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 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 661-680)		21	9	20	10	8
<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 641-660)		127	53	105	52	51
<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 629-640)		70	29	56	28	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 600-628)		21	9	20	10	13

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>	56	100	36.2	64.6	36.1	64.5	35.3	63.0
<b>Literary Text</b>	28	50	18.9	67.5	18.8	67.1	18.2	65.0
<b>Informational Text</b>	28	50	17.3	61.8	17.3	61.8	17.1	61.1

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: Saco 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	48	646	63	27	10	48	646	64	25	11	<b>Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?</b>					
Male	52	645	60	31	8	52	642	54	30	16						
<b>Ethnicity</b>											<b>A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.</b>	35	36	646	66	10
African American/Black	3	633	0	67	33	2	636	36	30	33						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	638	33	42	25	<b>B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.</b>	50	48	645	61	11
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	645	63	23	14						
Caucasian/White	94	646	64	28	8	95	644	60	27	13	<b>C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned.</b>	14	12	639	43	25
Hispanic						1	639	46	29	26						
Not Reported						0	641	45	18	36	<b>D. No, there is no match.</b>	1	4	634	30	35
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>																
Yes	23	638	35	42	24	36	640	45	34	21	<b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?</b>	27	29	650	77	7
No	77	648	70	26	4	64	647	67	24	9						
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>											<b>A. very good</b>	58	53	644	58	12
Yes						6	637	32	45	23						
No	100	645	62	29	9	94	645	61	26	13	<b>B. good</b>	12	16	637	36	25
<b>Migrant</b>																
Yes						0	642	55	24	21	<b>C. fair</b>	3	2	632	27	39
No	100	645	62	29	9	100	644	59	27	13						
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>											<b>D. poor</b>	20	15	640	48	23
Yes						3	660	97	3	0						
No	100	645	62	29	9	97	644	58	28	14	<b>How difficult was the reading part of this test?</b>	58	62	645	62	11
<b>Identified disability</b>																
Yes	16	631	13	44	44	15	631	20	36	44	<b>C. easier than my regular schoolwork</b>	22	23	645	61	11
No	84	648	72	27	2	85	646	66	26	8						
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>											<b>How difficult were the reading passages on this test?</b>	4	9	634	29	36
Current LEP in first 10 months																
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	632	26	32	42	<b>A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read.</b>	50	51	643	55	14
<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>																
A. None	6	638	36	29	36	6	638	41	31	28	<b>B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.</b>	45	41	648	72	7
B. Less than one hour	61	647	65	31	5	55	644	60	27	13						
C. One to two hours	31	645	65	27	8	36	645	63	27	11	<b>C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.</b>	50	46	644	57	15
D. More than two hours	2	632	40	20	40	4	642	51	30	19						
<b>Optional school/district question</b>											<b>How hard did you try on the reading part of this test?</b>	46	51	645	63	11
A.																
B.											<b>A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.</b>	4	4	638	44	26
C.																
D.											<b>B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.</b>	13	19	647	67	11
											<b>C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.</b>	55	49	646	64	10
											<b>D. I rarely read at home</b>	16	13	643	55	16
											<b>How much time do you spend reading at home each day?</b>	16	19	639	43	20



# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Saco Middle School  
 District: Saco School Department  
 Grade: 6  
 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 661-680)		2005–2006	10	4	10	5	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 641-660)		2005–2006	94	39	80	40	40
<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 627-640)		2005–2006	78	33	65	33	30
<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 600-626)		2005–2006	56	24	45	23	20

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>	18	32	8.3	46.1	8.4	46.7	9.2	51.1
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	25	5.3	37.9	5.5	39.3	5.7	40.7
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	9	16	3.3	36.7	3.4	37.8	4.0	44.4
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	15	27	9.3	62.0	9.3	62.0	9.6	64.0

**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

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