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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 6

ID: 11861448
School: Wiscasset Middle School
District: Wiscasset School Department
Date: March 2006

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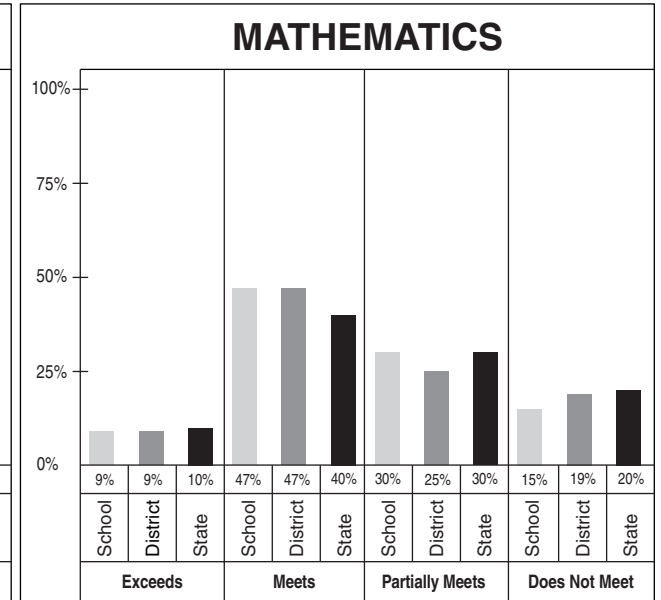
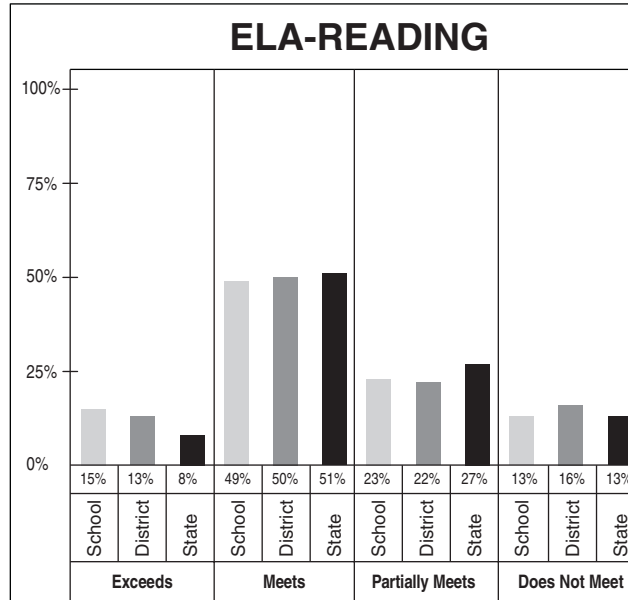


SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Wiscasset Middle School
 District: Wiscasset School Department
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Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	646	645	644
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	643	643	641





SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Wiscasset Middle School
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CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION²

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION ²																	
	School		District		State		ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%				
Total number of students	47	100	32	100	15164	100	47	100	32	100	14994	99	47	100	32	100	15000	99						
Ethnicity																								
African American/Black	0	0	0	0	327	2	0		0		312	95	0		0		322	98						
American Indian/Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	117	1	0		0		115	98	0		0		115	98						
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	180	1	0		0		176	98	0		0		177	98						
Caucasian/White	47	100	32	100	14411	95	47	100	32	100	14264	99	47	100	32	100	14258	99						
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	117	1	0		0		116	99	0		0		116	99						
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0	0		0		11	92	0		0		12	100						
Identified disability	13	28	9	28	2463	16	13	100	9	100	2380	97	13	100	9	100	2380	97						
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	287	2	0		0		271	94	0		0		282	98						
Economically disadvantaged	6	13	4	13	5557	37	6	100	4	100	5468	98	6	100	4	100	5472	98						
Migrant	0	0	0	0	29	0	0		0		29	100	0		0		29	100						

MODE OF PARTICIPATION³

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading						Mathematics																	
	School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Students who took the assessment without accommodations	36	77	23	72	12532	84	37	79	24	75	12495	83												
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	8	1	4	507	4	3	8	1	4	504	4												
LEP	0	0	0	0	137	1	0	0	0	0	128	1												
504 plan	1	3	1	4	133	1	2	5	2	8	135	1												
Students who took the assessment with accommodations	11	23	9	28	2341	16	10	21	8	25	2390	16												
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	10	91	8	89	1764	75	10	100	8	100	1770	74												
LEP	0	0	0	0	127	5	0	0	0	0	148	6												
504 plan	1	9	1	11	47	2	0	0	0	0	45	2												
Other	0	0	0	0	419	18	0	0	0	0	443	19												
Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available	0	0	0	0	121	1	0	0	0	0	115	1												
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0		109	90	0		0		106	92												
LEP	0		0		7	6	0		0		6	5												
504 plan	0		0		2	2	0		0		2	2												

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: Wiscasset Middle School
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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 661-680)		2005–2006	7	15	4	13	8
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 641-660)		2005–2006	23	49	16	50	51
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 629-640)		2005–2006	11	23	7	22	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 600-628)		2005–2006	6	13	5	16	13

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	56	100	36.7	65.5	35.9	64.1	35.3	63.0
Literary Text	28	50	18.4	65.7	17.9	63.9	18.2	65.0
Informational Text	28	50	18.3	65.4	18.0	64.3	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: Wiscasset 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
Gender																
Female	36	647	59	24	18	48	646	64	25	11	Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading? 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.	51	36	646	66	10
Male	64	646	67	23	10	52	642	54	30	16						
Ethnicity											Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading? A. very good B. good C. fair D. poor					
African American/Black						2	636	36	30	33						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	638	33	42	25						
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	645	63	23	14						
Caucasian/White	100	646	64	23	13	95	644	60	27	13						
Hispanic						1	639	46	29	26						
Not Reported						0	641	45	18	36						
Economically disadvantaged											How difficult was the reading part of this test? A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork					
Yes	13	638	50	17	33	36	640	45	34	21						
No	87	647	66	24	10	64	647	67	24	9						
Title 1A targeted program											How difficult were the reading passages on this test? A. Most of the passages were more difficult 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.					
Yes	30	640	57	14	29	6	637	32	45	23						
No	70	649	67	27	6	94	645	61	26	13						
Migrant											How hard did you try on the reading part of this test? A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork. B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork. C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.					
Yes						0	642	55	24	21						
No	100	646	64	23	13	100	644	59	27	13						
Gifted/talented program											How much time do you spend reading at home each day? A. more than one hour B. 20 minutes to an hour C. less than 20 minutes D. I rarely read at home					
Yes						3	660	97	3	0						
No	94	645	61	25	14	97	644	58	28	14						
Identified disability											Optional school/district question A. B. C. D.					
Yes	28	638	23	46	31	15	631	20	36	44						
No	72	649	79	15	6	85	646	66	26	8						
Limited English proficient students																
Current LEP in first 10 months																
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	632	26	32	42						
How much homework do you do on school nights?																
A. None						6	638	41	31	28						
B. Less than one hour	51	647	67	25	8	55	644	60	27	13						
C. One to two hours	43	646	60	25	15	36	645	63	27	11						
D. More than two hours						4	642	51	30	19						



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Wiscasset Middle School
 District: Wiscasset 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	%	%	
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 661-680)		2005–2006	4	9	3	9	10
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 641-660)		2005–2006	22	47	15	47	40
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 627-640)		2005–2006	14	30	8	25	30
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 600-626)		2005–2006	7	15	6	19	20

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	18	32	9.7	53.9	9.4	52.2	9.2	51.1
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	25	6.7	47.9	6.9	49.3	5.7	40.7
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	9	16	4.3	47.8	4.4	48.9	4.0	44.4
Cluster 4: Patterns	15	27	9.4	62.7	8.9	59.3	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

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>.

