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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: 12231583  
School: Houlton Southside School  
District: MSAD 29  
Date: March 2006

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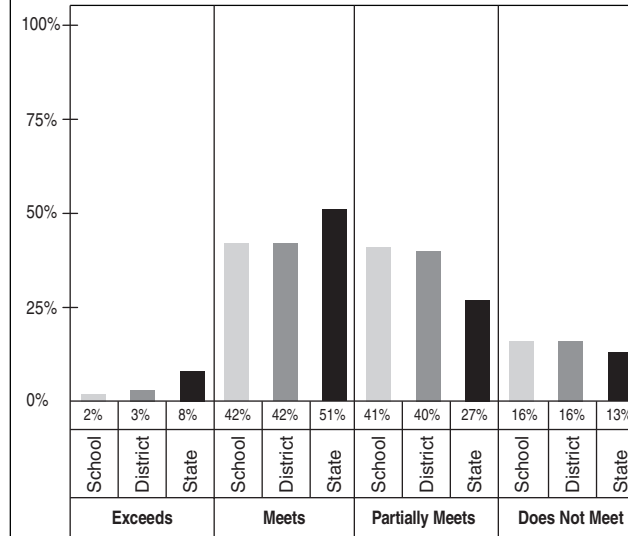
# SUMMARY OF SCORES

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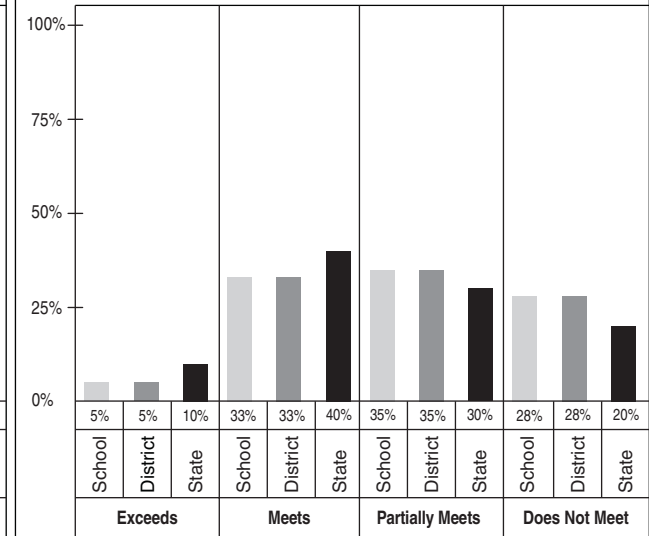
## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	640	640	644
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	636	636	641

### ELA-READING



### MATHEMATICS





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Houlton Southside 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>	104	100	104	100	15164	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	4	4	4	4	327	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	20	19	20	19	117	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	180	1
Caucasian/White	77	74	77	74	14411	95
Hispanic	3	3	3	3	117	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	12	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	20	19	20	19	2463	16
<b>Current LEP</b>	0	0	0	0	287	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	61	59	63	61	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	%
104	100	104	100	14994	99	104	100	104	100	15000	99						
4	100	4	100	312	95	4	100	4	100	322	98						
20	100	20	100	115	98	20	100	20	100	115	98						
0		0		176	98	0		0		177	98						
77	100	77	100	14264	99	77	100	77	100	14258	99						
3	100	3	100	116	99	3	100	3	100	116	99						
0		0		11	92	0		0		12	100						
20	100	20	100	2380	97	20	100	20	100	2380	97						
0		0		271	94	0		0		282	98						
61	100	63	100	5468	98	61	100	63	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>	80	77	80	77	12532	84	80	77	80	77	12495	83						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	507	4	0	0	0	0	504	4						
LEP	0	0	0	0	137	1	0	0	0	0	128	1						
504 plan	4	5	4	5	133	1	4	5	4	5	135	1						
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	21	20	21	20	2341	16	21	20	21	20	2390	16						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	17	81	17	81	1764	75	17	81	17	81	1770	74						
LEP	0	0	0	0	127	5	0	0	0	0	148	6						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	47	2	0	0	0	0	45	2						
Other	4	19	4	19	419	18	4	19	4	19	443	19						
<b>Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available</b>	3	3	3	3	121	1	3	3	3	3	115	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	100	3	100	109	90	3	100	3	100	106	92						
LEP	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	0	6	5						
504 plan	0	0	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: Houlton Southside School  
 District: MSAD 29  
 Grade: 6  
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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	%	%	
<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)		2005–2006	2	2	3	3	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)		2005–2006	42	42	42	42	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)		2005–2006	41	41	40	40	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)		2005–2006	16	16	16	16	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	32.5	58.0	32.7	58.4	35.3	63.0
<b>Literary Text</b>	28	50	17.4	62.1	17.5	62.5	18.2	65.0
<b>Informational Text</b>	28	50	15.1	53.9	15.2	54.3	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>.





# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Houlton Southside School  
 District: MSAD 29  
 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	5	5	5	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	33	33	33	33	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	35	35	35	35	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	28	28	28	28	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	6.8	37.8	6.9	38.3	9.2	51.1
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	25	5.3	37.9	5.3	37.9	5.7	40.7
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	9	16	4.2	46.7	4.3	47.8	4.0	44.4
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	15	27	8.5	56.7	8.6	57.3	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>.

