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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 7

ID: 10071139
School: Merrill Hill Alternative Sch
District: Auburn School Department
Date: March 2006

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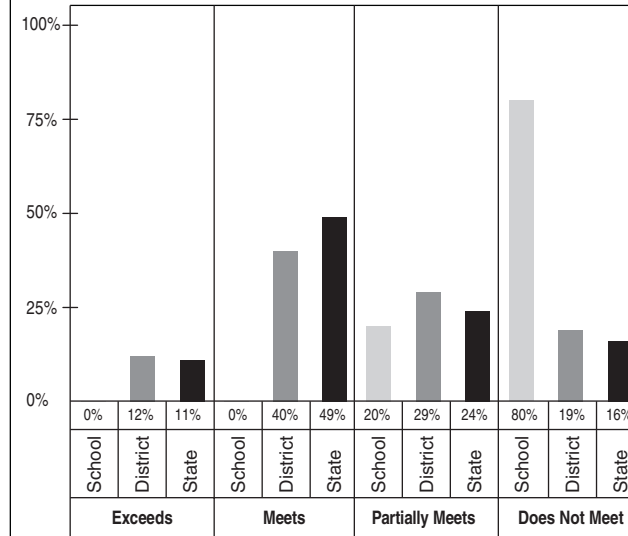
SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Merrill Hill Alternative Sch
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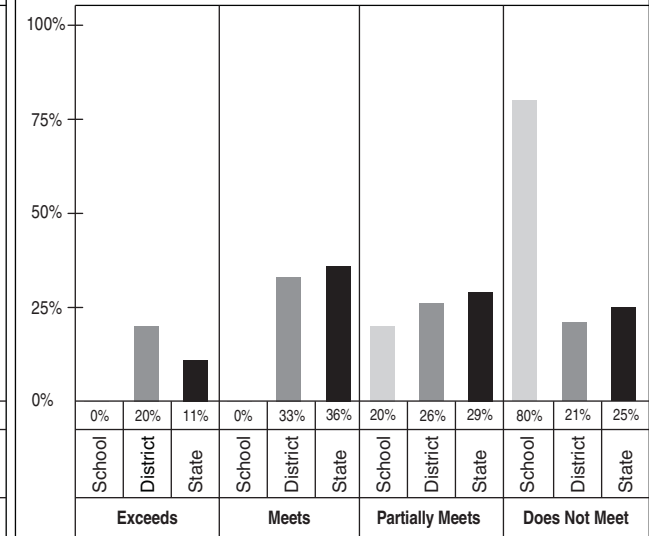
Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	719	743	745
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	718	743	740

ELA-READING



MATHEMATICS





SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Merrill Hill Alternative Sch
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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	5	100	271	100	15803	100
Ethnicity						
African American/Black	0	0	12	4	317	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	0	0	2	1	112	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	7	3	181	1
Caucasian/White	5	100	246	91	15025	95
Hispanic	0	0	4	1	155	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	13	0
Identified disability	3	60	63	23	2564	16
Current LEP	0	0	9	3	268	2
Economically disadvantaged	5	100	94	35	5627	36
Migrant	0	0	0	0	24	0

ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
5	100	267	99	15617	99	5	100	267	99	15612	99						
0		11	92	310	98	0		11	92	311	98						
0		2	100	109	97	0		2	100	110	98						
0		7	100	175	97	0		7	100	177	98						
5	100	243	99	14860	99	5	100	243	99	14849	99						
0		4	100	150	97	0		4	100	152	98						
0		0		13	100	0		0		13	100						
3	100	63	100	2482	97	3	100	63	100	2476	97						
0		9	100	256	96	0		9	100	264	99						
5	100	92	98	5526	98	5	100	92	98	5523	98						
0		0		24	100	0		0		24	100						

MODE OF PARTICIPATION³

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading			Mathematics														
	School		District		State		School		District		State		School		District		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Students who took the assessment without accommodations	5	100	228	85	13199	85	5	100	226	85	13211	85						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	60	24	11	541	4	3	60	22	10	542	4						
LEP	0	0	8	4	144	1	0	0	8	4	144	1						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	149	1						
Students who took the assessment with accommodations	0	0	39	15	2263	14	0	0	41	15	2243	14						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		39	100	1796	79	0		41	100	1784	80						
LEP	0		1	3	105	5	0		1	2	114	5						
504 plan	0		0	0	31	1	0		0	0	30	1						
Other	0		0	0	356	16	0		0	0	339	15						
Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available	0	0	0	0	155	1	0	0	0	0	158	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0		0		145	94	0		0		150	95						
LEP	0		0		7	5	0		0		6	4						
504 plan	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: Merrill Hill Alternative Sch
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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 761-780)		2005–2006	0	0	33	12	11
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 741-760)		2005–2006	0	0	107	40	49
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 729-740)		2005–2006	1	20	77	29	24
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 700-728)		2005–2006	4	80	50	19	16

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	18.0	32.1	33.7	60.2	34.8	62.1
Literary Text	28	50	9.6	34.3	18.0	64.3	18.6	66.4
Informational Text	28	50	8.4	30.0	15.7	56.1	16.2	57.9

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)

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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						49	747	65	23	12						
Male						51	743	55	25	19						
Ethnicity																
African American/Black						2	738	43	27	30						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	735	32	31	37						
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	746	59	26	15						
Caucasian/White	100	719	0	20	80	95	745	61	24	15						
Hispanic						1	743	57	23	20						
Not Reported						0	743	54	38	8						
Economically disadvantaged																
Yes	100	719	0	20	80	35	739	45	30	25						
No						65	748	68	21	10						
Title 1A targeted program																
Yes						5	738	36	39	25						
No	100	719	0	20	80	95	745	61	24	15						
Migrant																
Yes						0	741	46	29	25						
No	100	719	0	20	80	100	745	60	24	16						
Gifted/talented program																
Yes						3	761	96	3	1						
No	100	719	0	20	80	97	744	59	25	16						
Identified disability																
Yes						15	730	19	32	50						
No						85	747	67	23	9						
Limited English proficient students																
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	718	10	0	90						
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	732	26	33	41						
How much homework do you do on school nights?																
A. None						7	736	39	25	35						
B. Less than one hour						48	745	60	25	15						
C. One to two hours						40	747	65	24	11						
D. More than two hours						5	744	55	26	20						
Optional school/district question																
A.																
B.																
C.																
D.																
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.	25	30	748	69	11											
B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	25	50	745	62	13											
C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned.	50	15	740	45	24											
D. No, there is no match.	0	5	734	32	40											
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																
A. very good	25	27	752	81	7											
B. good	50	51	744	61	13											
C. fair	0	19	737	36	28											
D. poor	25	3	731	20	46											
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	25	17	740	48	26											
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	75	62	745	62	13											
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	0	21	747	67	11											
How difficult were the reading passages on this test?																
A. Most of the passages were harder than what I normally read.	0	9	733	27	42											
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	50	52	743	55	16											
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	50	39	750	76	7											
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.	75	42	744	58	16											
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	25	53	746	64	13											
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	0	5	738	45	30											
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																
A. more than one hour	25	19	749	72	10											
B. 20 minutes to an hour	50	43	747	66	11											
C. less than 20 minutes	0	14	743	54	19											
D. I rarely read at home	25	25	739	46	23											



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 761-780)		2005–2006	0	0	53	20	11
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 741-760)		2005–2006	0	0	88	33	36
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 727-740)		2005–2006	1	20	70	26	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 700-726)		2005–2006	4	80	56	21	25

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	19	34	5.8	30.5	10.3	54.2	9.4	49.5
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	25	3.4	24.3	6.6	47.1	6.3	45.0
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	8	14	1.4	17.5	5.2	65.0	4.8	60.0
Cluster 4: Patterns	15	27	4.0	26.7	8.2	54.7	7.4	49.3

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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Migrant																
Yes						0	737	25	33	42						
No	100	718	0	20	80	100	740	46	29	25						
Gifted/talented program																
Yes						3	762	95	5	1						
No	100	718	0	20	80	97	739	45	30	25						
Identified disability																
Yes						15	723	13	26	61						
No						85	742	52	30	18						
Limited English proficient students																
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	714	8	8	83						
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	728	24	31	45						
How much homework do you do on school nights?																
A. None						7	730	28	27	45						
B. Less than one hour						48	740	47	29	24						
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Optional school/district question																
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Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																
A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.											25	27	745	58	18	
B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.											50	46	741	49	21	
C. Yes, they match just a little of what I have learned.											25	21	734	33	32	
D. No, there is no match.											0	6	726	19	54	
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																
A. very good											25	22	751	73	11	
B. good											25	46	741	51	20	
C. fair											50	27	732	26	36	
D. poor											0	6	725	10	55	
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?																
A. harder than my regular schoolwork											50	45	736	38	29	
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork											50	46	742	51	21	
C. easier than my regular schoolwork											0	9	752	69	15	
How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test?																
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.											75	45	739	45	25	
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.											25	49	741	50	22	
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.											0	6	733	29	37	
How often do you use laptops in mathematics class?																
A. almost every day											0	7	736	41	32	
B. two or three days a week											25	17	738	43	26	
C. two or three times each month											0	41	741	50	20	
D. never											75	35	739	46	26	
Which statement best describes the use of calculators in mathematics class?																
A. Calculators are used daily.											0	23	742	51	23	
B. Calculators are used once or twice a week.											100	35	741	48	23	
C. Calculators are used once or twice a month.											0	18	739	46	23	
D. Calculators are rarely or never used.											0	24	737	41	28	
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?																
A. less than 30 minutes											0	10	734	34	36	
B. 30-45 minutes											50	45	739	44	26	
C. 45-60 minutes											50	36	743	53	19	
D. more than 60 minutes											0	10	739	46	25	