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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: 12181567
School: Van Buren District Secondary
District: MSAD 24
Date: March 2006

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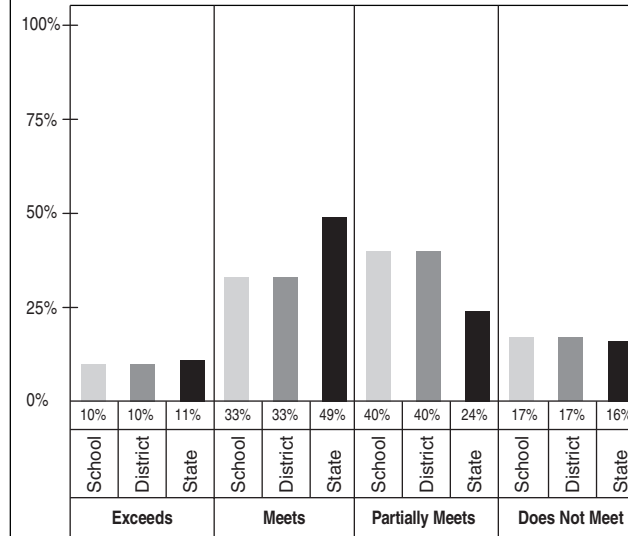
SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Van Buren District Secondary
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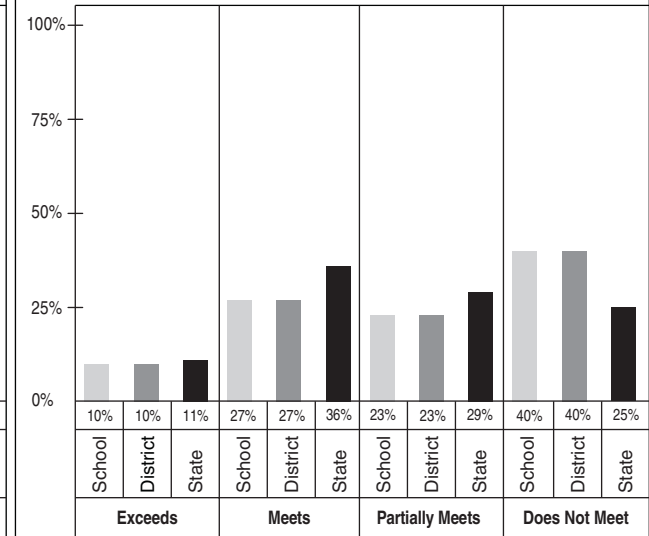
Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005–2006	740	740	745
MATHEMATICS 2005–2006	736	736	740

ELA-READING



MATHEMATICS





SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Van Buren District Secondary
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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	30	100	30	100	15803	100
Ethnicity						
African American/Black	0	0	0	0	317	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	112	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	181	1
Caucasian/White	30	100	30	100	15025	95
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	155	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	13	0
Identified disability	4	13	4	13	2564	16
Current LEP	8	27	8	27	268	2
Economically disadvantaged	19	63	19	63	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	%
30	100	30	100	15617	99	30	100	30	100	15612	99				
0		0		310	98	0		0		311	98				
0		0		109	97	0		0		110	98				
0		0		175	97	0		0		177	98				
30	100	30	100	14860	99	30	100	30	100	14849	99				
0		0		150	97	0		0		152	98				
0		0		13	100	0		0		13	100				
4	100	4	100	2482	97	4	100	4	100	2476	97				
8	100	8	100	256	96	8	100	8	100	264	99				
19	100	19	100	5526	98	19	100	19	100	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	%
Students who took the assessment without accommodations	27	90	27	90	13199	85	27	90	27	90	13211	85				
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	1	4	1	4	541	4	1	4	1	4	542	4				
LEP	6	22	6	22	144	1	6	22	6	22	144	1				
504 plan	0	0	0	0	149	1	0	0	0	0	149	1				
Students who took the assessment with accommodations	3	10	3	10	2263	14	3	10	3	10	2243	14				
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	100	3	100	1796	79	3	100	3	100	1784	80				
LEP	2	67	2	67	105	5	2	67	2	67	114	5				
504 plan	0	0	0	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	30	1				
Other	0	0	0	0	356	16	0	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: Van Buren District Secondary
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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	3	10	3	10	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	10	33	10	33	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	12	40	12	40	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	5	17	5	17	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	31.9	57.0	31.9	57.0	34.8	62.1
Literary Text	28	50	17.0	60.7	17.0	60.7	18.6	66.4
Informational Text	28	50	14.9	53.2	14.9	53.2	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)

School: Van Buren District Secondary
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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	50	735	27	53	20	49	747	65	23	12						
Male	50	745	60	27	13	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	740	43	40	17	95	745	61	24	15						
Hispanic						1	743	57	23	20						
Not Reported						0	743	54	38	8						
Economically disadvantaged																
Yes	63	736	42	32	26	35	739	45	30	25						
No	37	746	45	55	0	65	748	68	21	10						
Title 1A targeted program																
Yes	30	735	22	67	11	5	738	36	39	25						
No	70	742	52	29	19	95	745	61	24	15						
Migrant																
Yes						0	741	46	29	25						
No	100	740	43	40	17	100	745	60	24	16						
Gifted/talented program																
Yes						3	761	96	3	1						
No	100	740	43	40	17	97	744	59	25	16						
Identified disability																
Yes						15	730	19	32	50						
No	87	744	50	42	8	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	27	730	13	63	25	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	67	739	40	40	20	48	745	60	25	15						
C. One to two hours	23	744	57	43	0	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.	24		30	748	69	11										
B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	62		50	745	62	13										
C. Yes, they match just a little of what I learned.	7		15	740	45	24										
D. No, there is no match.	7		5	734	32	40										
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																
A. very good	17		27	752	81	7										
B. good	45		51	744	61	13										
C. fair	34		19	737	36	28										
D. poor	3		3	731	20	46										
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	13		17	740	48	26										
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	70		62	745	62	13										
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	17		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.	13		9	733	27	42										
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	47		52	743	55	16										
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	40		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.	47		42	744	58	16										
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	47		53	746	64	13										
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	7		5	738	45	30										
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																
A. more than one hour	30		19	749	72	10										
B. 20 minutes to an hour	37		43	747	66	11										
C. less than 20 minutes	10		14	743	54	19										
D. I rarely read at home	23		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	3	10	3	10	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	8	27	8	27	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	7	23	7	23	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	12	40	12	40	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	8.5	44.7	8.5	44.7	9.4	49.5
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	25	6.6	47.1	6.6	47.1	6.3	45.0
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	8	14	3.8	47.5	3.8	47.5	4.8	60.0
Cluster 4: Patterns	15	27	7.0	46.7	7.0	46.7	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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Gender																
Female	50	727	20	27	53	49	739	45	30	24	Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?					
Male	50	744	53	20	27	51	740	47	28	25						
Ethnicity											A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	30	27	745	58	18
African American/Black						2	731	27	34	39						
American Indian/Native Alaskan						1	729	24	28	48	B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	47	46	741	49	21
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	743	55	25	20	C. Yes, they match just a little of what I have learned.	13	21	734	33	32
Caucasian/White	100	736	37	23	40	95	740	47	29	24	D. No, there is no match.	10	6	726	19	54
Hispanic						1	736	37	28	35	Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?					
Not Reported						0	734	38	31	31	A. very good	27	22	751	73	11
Economically disadvantaged											B. good	50	46	741	51	20
Yes	63	731	32	16	53	35	733	32	32	37	C. fair	20	27	732	26	36
No	37	743	45	36	18	65	743	54	28	18	D. poor	3	6	725	10	55
Title 1A targeted program											How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?					
Yes	30	729	11	44	44	5	732	25	37	39	A. harder than my regular schoolwork	45	45	736	38	29
No	70	739	48	14	38	95	740	47	29	24	B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	52	46	742	51	21
Migrant						0	737	25	33	42	C. easier than my regular schoolwork	3	9	752	69	15
Yes						100	740	46	29	25	How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test?					
No	100	736	37	23	40	100	740	46	29	25	A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	62	45	739	45	25
Gifted/talented program						3	762	95	5	1	B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	34	49	741	50	22
Yes						97	739	45	30	25	C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	3	6	733	29	37
No	100	736	37	23	40	97	739	45	30	25	How often do you use laptops in mathematics class?					
Identified disability						15	723	13	26	61	A. almost every day	0	7	736	41	32
Yes						85	742	52	30	18	B. two or three days a week	7	17	738	43	26
No	87	740	42	27	31	85	742	52	30	18	C. two or three times each month	23	41	741	50	20
Limited English proficient students						0	714	8	8	83	D. never	70	35	739	46	26
Current LEP in first 10 months						2	728	24	31	45	Which statement best describes the use of calculators in mathematics class?					
Current LEP beyond first 10 months	27	726	13	38	50	2	728	24	31	45	A. Calculators are used daily.	13	23	742	51	23
How much homework do you do on school nights?						7	730	28	27	45	B. Calculators are used once or twice a week.	50	35	741	48	23
A. None						48	740	47	29	24	C. Calculators are used once or twice a month.	20	18	739	46	23
B. Less than one hour	67	738	40	20	40	48	740	47	29	24	D. Calculators are rarely or never used.	17	24	737	41	28
C. One to two hours	23	736	29	43	29	40	741	49	30	21	On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?					
D. More than two hours						5	738	43	30	27	A. less than 30 minutes	13	10	734	34	36
Optional school/district question											B. 30-45 minutes	70	45	739	44	26
A.											C. 45-60 minutes	17	36	743	53	19
B.											D. more than 60 minutes	0	10	739	46	25
C.																
D.																