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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 7

ID: 12231584  
School: Houlton Junior High School  
District: MSAD 29  
Date: March 2006

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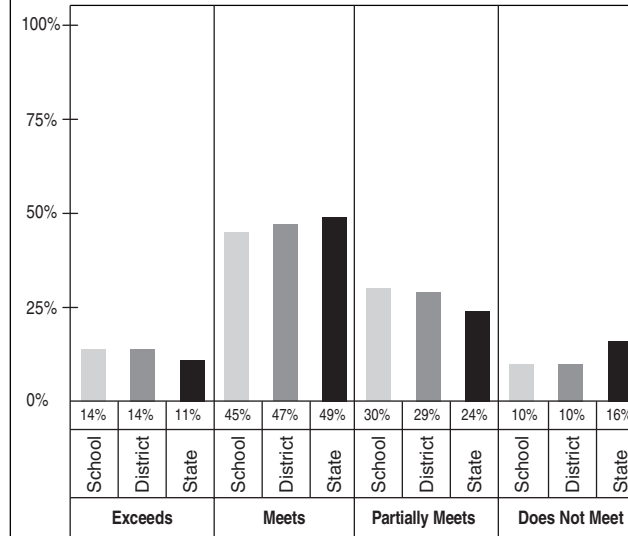
# SUMMARY OF SCORES

School: Houlton Junior High School  
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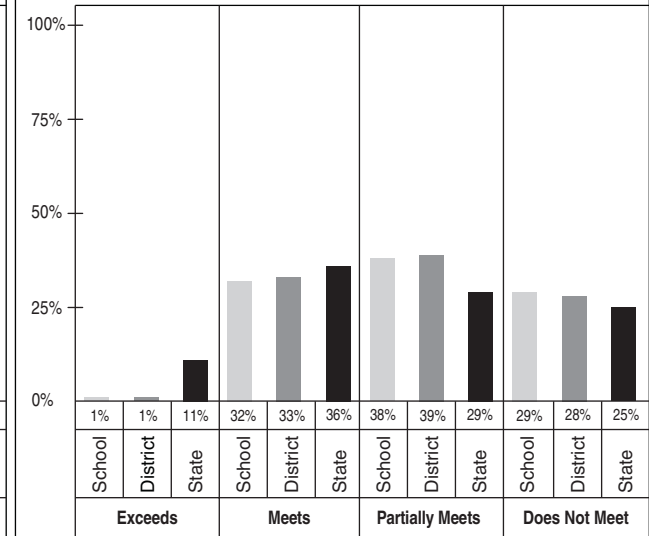
## Summary of District, School and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	District	State
ELA-READING 2005-2006	746	746	745
MATHEMATICS 2005-2006	735	735	740

### ELA-READING



### MATHEMATICS





# SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

School: Houlton Junior High 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>	98	100	99	100	15803	100
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American/Black	1	1	1	1	317	2
American Indian/Native Alaskan	8	8	9	9	112	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1	181	1
Caucasian/White	86	88	86	87	15025	95
Hispanic	2	2	2	2	155	1
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	13	0
<b>Identified disability</b>	14	14	12	12	2564	16
<b>Current LEP</b>	1	1	1	1	268	2
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>	43	44	46	46	5627	36
<b>Migrant</b>	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
98	100	99	100	15617	99	98	100	99	100	15612	99			
1	100	1	100	310	98	1	100	1	100	311	98			
8	100	9	100	109	97	8	100	9	100	110	98			
1	100	1	100	175	97	1	100	1	100	177	98			
86	100	86	100	14860	99	86	100	86	100	14849	99			
2	100	2	100	150	97	2	100	2	100	152	98			
0		0		13	100	0		0		13	100			
14	100	12	100	2482	97	14	100	12	100	2476	97			
1	100	1	100	256	96	1	100	1	100	264	99			
43	100	46	100	5526	98	43	100	46	100	5523	98			
0		0		24	100	0		0		24	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
<b>Students who took the assessment without accommodations</b>	85	87	87	88	13199	85	86	88	88	89	13211	85			
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	1	1	0	0	541	4	2	2	1	1	542	4			
LEP	1	1	1	1	144	1	1	1	1	1	144	1			
504 plan	2	2	2	2	149	1	2	2	2	2	149	1			
<b>Students who took the assessment with accommodations</b>	12	12	11	11	2263	14	11	11	10	10	2243	14			
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	12	100	11	100	1796	79	11	100	10	100	1784	80			
LEP	0	0	0	0	105	5	0	0	0	0	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			
<b>Students who would have participated through a PAAP if one had been available</b>	1	1	1	1	155	1	1	1	1	1	158	1			
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	1	100	1	100	145	94	1	100	1	100	150	95			
LEP	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	6	4			
504 plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

<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 Junior High School  
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 Grade: 7  
 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 761-780)		2005–2006	14	14	14	14	11
<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 741-760)		2005–2006	44	45	46	47	49
<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 729-740)		2005–2006	29	30	28	29	24
<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 700-728)		2005–2006	10	10	10	10	16

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	35.4	63.2	35.6	63.6	34.8	62.1
<b>Literary Text</b>	28	50	19.1	68.2	19.1	68.2	18.6	66.4
<b>Informational Text</b>	28	50	16.4	58.6	16.5	58.9	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>.





# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: Houlton Junior High School  
 District: MSAD 29  
 Grade: 7  
 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 761-780)		2005–2006	1	1	1	1	11
<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 741-760)		2005–2006	31	32	32	33	36
<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 727-740)		2005–2006	37	38	38	39	29
<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 700-726)		2005–2006	28	29	27	28	25

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>	19	34	8.3	43.7	8.4	44.2	9.4	49.5
<b>Cluster 2: Shape and Size</b>	14	25	5.0	35.7	5.1	36.4	6.3	45.0
<b>Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making</b>	8	14	5.0	62.5	4.9	61.3	4.8	60.0
<b>Cluster 4: Patterns</b>	15	27	6.2	41.3	6.2	41.3	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>.



# MATHEMATICS RESULTS

## (CONTINUED)

School: Houlton Junior High 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	44	732	26	42	33	49	739	45	30	24						
Male	56	737	39	35	26	51	740	47	28	25						
<b>Ethnicity</b>																
African American/Black						2	731	27	34	39						
American Indian/Native Alaskan	8	722	13	25	63	1	729	24	28	48						
Asian/Pacific Islander						1	743	55	25	20						
Caucasian/White	88	736	34	39	27	95	740	47	29	24						
Hispanic						1	736	37	28	35						
Not Reported						0	734	38	31	31						
<b>Economically disadvantaged</b>																
Yes	43	731	19	48	33	35	733	32	32	37						
No	57	737	44	31	25	65	743	54	28	18						
<b>Title 1A targeted program</b>																
Yes						5	732	25	37	39						
No	100	735	33	38	29	95	740	47	29	24						
<b>Migrant</b>																
Yes						0	737	25	33	42						
No	100	735	33	38	29	100	740	46	29	25						
<b>Gifted/talented program</b>																
Yes	8	756	100	0	0	3	762	95	5	1						
No	92	733	27	42	31	97	739	45	30	25						
<b>Identified disability</b>																
Yes	13	720	8	15	77	15	723	13	26	61						
No	87	737	37	42	21	85	742	52	30	18						
<b>Limited English proficient students</b>																
Current LEP in first 10 months						0	714	8	8	83						
Current LEP beyond first 10 months						2	728	24	31	45						
<b>How much homework do you do on school nights?</b>																
A. None						7	730	28	27	45						
B. Less than one hour	38	734	36	36	28	48	740	47	29	24						
C. One to two hours	50	737	35	38	27	40	741	49	30	21						
D. More than two hours	8	727	0	50	50	5	738	43	30	27						
<b>Optional school/district question</b>																
A.																
B.																
C.																
D.																
<b>Do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?</b>																
A. Yes, the questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	20										27	745	58	18		
B. Yes, they match some of what I have learned.	54										46	741	49	21		
C. Yes, they match just a little of what I have learned.	23										21	734	33	32		
D. No, there is no match.	3										6	726	19	54		
<b>Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?</b>																
A. very good	29										22	751	73	11		
B. good	45										46	741	51	20		
C. fair	24										27	732	26	36		
D. poor	2										6	725	10	55		
<b>How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?</b>																
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	61										45	736	38	29		
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	37										46	742	51	21		
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	2										9	752	69	15		
<b>How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test?</b>																
A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.	59										45	739	45	25		
B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.	38										49	741	50	22		
C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	3										6	733	29	37		
<b>How often do you use laptops in mathematics class?</b>																
A. almost every day	2										7	736	41	32		
B. two or three days a week	7										17	738	43	26		
C. two or three times each month	60										41	741	50	20		
D. never	31										35	739	46	26		
<b>Which statement best describes the use of calculators in mathematics class?</b>																
A. Calculators are used daily.	3										23	742	51	23		
B. Calculators are used once or twice a week.	12										35	741	48	23		
C. Calculators are used once or twice a month.	24										18	739	46	23		
D. Calculators are rarely or never used.	61										24	737	41	28		
<b>On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?</b>																
A. less than 30 minutes	10										10	734	34	36		
B. 30-45 minutes	57										45	739	44	26		
C. 45-60 minutes	30										36	743	53	19		
D. more than 60 minutes	3										10	739	46	25		