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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2007–2008 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. These *Learning Results* established goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and are the basis for Grade Level/Span Expectations, which describe the assessment standards for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2007-2008 MEA summary reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades, science and technology at grades 4 and 8, and writing at grade 5 based on achievement standards set in 2006 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. Students' 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. The grade 5 writing reports provide information on a student's ability to respond to a prompt measuring narrative writing. 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

MEA
Maine Educational Assessment

School Report
Grade 4

Test Date: March 2008
Code: 12051521
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

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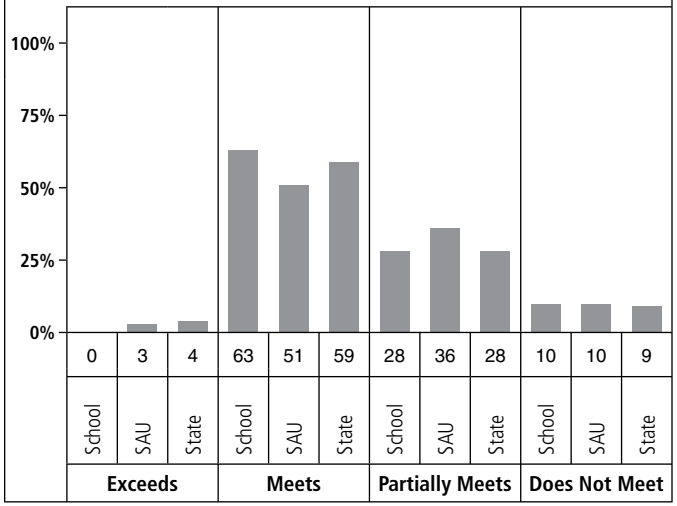
SUMMARY OF SCORES

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading			
2005–2006	445	442	444
2006–2007	442	443	445
2007–2008	**443**	**443**	**445**
Cum. Avg.*	443	443	445
Mathematics			
2005–2006	448	440	444
2006–2007	440	442	445
2007–2008	**442**	**442**	**445**
Cum. Avg.*	443	441	445
Science & Technology			
2005–2006	450	442	444
2006–2007	444	442	444
2007–2008	**442**	**443**	**444**
Cum. Avg.*	445	442	444

ELA – READING



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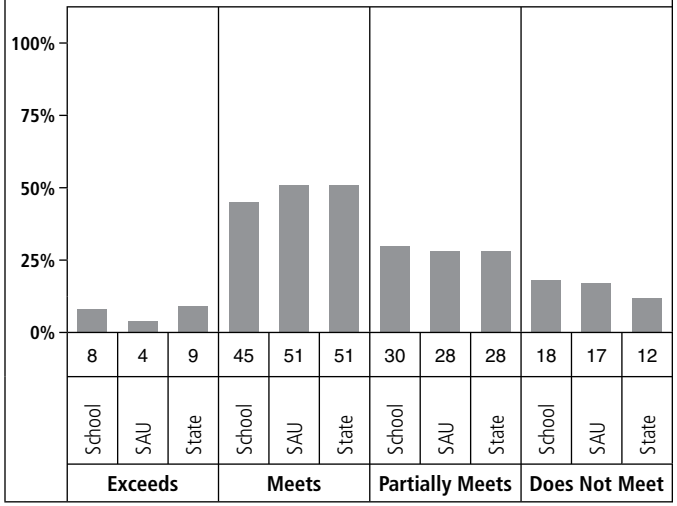

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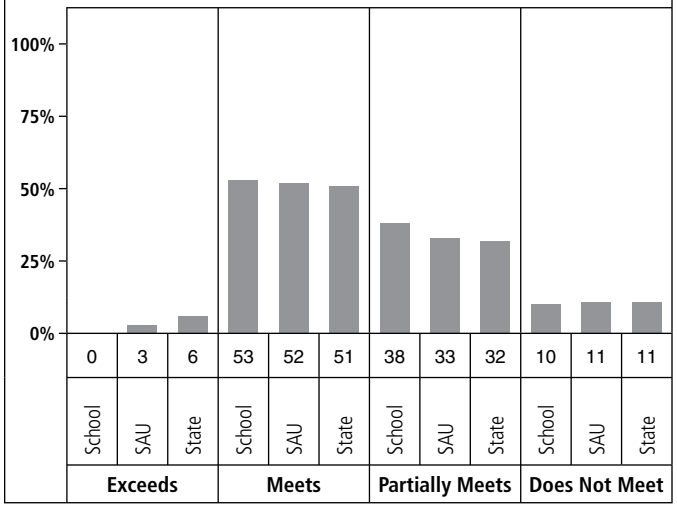

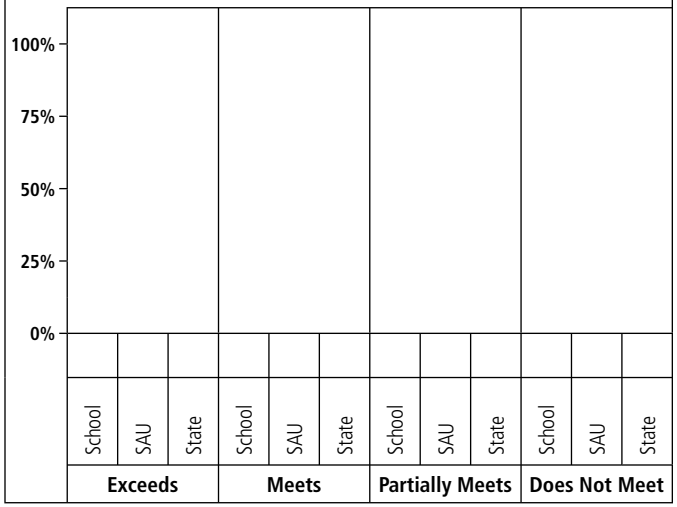

*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment[1] during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION[2]																							
							ELA–Reading						Mathematics						Science and Technology											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	41	100	147	100	14207	100	41	100	147	100	14181	100	41	100	147	100	14123	100	41	100	147	100	14115	99						
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0	1	1	390	3	0	0	1	100	388	99	0	0	1	100	388	99	0	0	1	100	386	99						
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	101	100	0	0	0	0	101	100	0	0	0	0	101	100						
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	2	1	263	2	0	0	2	100	259	98	0	0	2	100	262	100	0	0	2	100	262	100						
Hispanic	0	0	2	1	170	1	0	0	2	100	168	99	0	0	2	100	166	98	0	0	2	100	166	98						
Caucasian/White	41	100	142	97	13282	93	41	100	142	100	13264	100	41	100	142	100	13205	100	41	100	142	100	13199	99						
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	1	100						
Identified disability	7	17	21	14	2524	18	7	100	21	100	2514	100	7	100	21	100	2498	99	7	100	21	100	2494	99						
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	385	3	0	0	0	0	377	98	0	0	0	0	383	99	0	0	0	0	380	99						
Economically disadvantaged	8	20	53	36	5587	39	8	100	53	100	5569	100	8	100	53	100	5538	99	8	100	53	100	5534	99						
Migrant	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	100	0	0	0	0	5	100	0	0	0	0	5	100						

MODE OF PARTICIPATION[3]	ELA–Reading						Mathematics						Science and Technology											
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	32	78	104	71	10755	76	31	76	103	70	10730	76	32	78	104	71	10776	76						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	9	5	5	375	3	3	10	5	5	374	3	3	9	5	5	384	4						
LEP	0	0	0	0	148	1	0	0	0	0	148	1	0	0	0	0	150	1						
504 plan	2	6	2	2	114	1	2	6	2	2	114	1	2	6	2	2	115	1						
Participation with accommodations	8	20	41	28	3298	23	9	22	42	29	3267	23	8	20	41	28	3215	23						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	3	38	14	34	2013	61	3	33	14	33	1998	61	3	38	14	34	1986	62						
LEP	0	0	0	0	225	7	0	0	0	0	233	7	0	0	0	0	229	7						
504 plan	0	0	3	7	69	2	0	0	3	7	68	2	0	0	3	7	67	2						
Other	5	63	25	61	1046	32	6	67	26	62	1023	31	5	63	25	61	987	31						
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	1	2	2	1	126	1	1	2	2	1	126	1	1	2	2	1	124	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	1	100	2	100	126	100	1	100	2	100	126	100	1	100	2	100	124	100						
LEP	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1						
504 plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0	0	0	2	0																		
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	12	0						
Non-participation – other	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	80	1						

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 by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date:	March 2008
Grade:	4
SAU:	MSAD 11
School:	Helen Thompson School

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		SAU		State	
		N	%	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 461–480)	2005-2006	0	0	2	1	601	4
	2006-2007	1	3	3	2	507	4
	2007-2008	**0**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**559**	**4**
	Cum. Total*	1	1	9	2	1667	4
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 441–460)	2005-2006	19	66	67	48	7910	57
	2006-2007	20	53	93	57	8749	63
	2007-2008	**25**	**63**	**74**	**51**	**8308**	**59**
	Cum. Total*	64	60	234	52	24967	60
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 431–440)	2005-2006	10	34	59	42	3970	29
	2006-2007	11	29	46	28	3467	25
	2007-2008	**11**	**28**	**52**	**36**	**3922**	**28**
	Cum. Total*	32	30	157	35	11359	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 400–430)	2005-2006	0	0	11	8	1421	10
	2006-2007	6	16	20	12	1165	8
	2007-2008	**4**	**10**	**15**	**10**	**1264**	**9**
	Cum. Total*	10	9	46	10	3850	9

Learning Results Content Standard Cluster	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Reading Cluster	**48**	**100**	28.3	59.0	28.1	58.5	29.7	61.9
Literary Text	**24**	**50**	14.7	61.3	14.7	61.3	15.5	64.6
Informational Text	**24**	**50**	13.6	56.7	13.4	55.8	14.2	59.2

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 texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. Items on the MEA measure Grade Level Expectations, based on Maine's 1997 *Learning Results*, which can be found at http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm.

*Percentages are calculated by dividing the cumulative total of the number of students in the achievement level by the cumulative total of the number of students tested.

ELA–READING RESULTS
(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	40	0	0	25	63	11	28	4	10	443	145	3	51	36	10	443	14053	4	59	28	9	445
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										1						384	1	36	35	28	438
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						101	1	46	44	10	442
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										2						259	6	61	22	11	445
Hispanic	0										2						164	0	45	38	16	440
Caucasian/White	40	0	0	25	63	11	28	4	10	443	140	3	51	36	10	443	13144	4	60	28	8	445
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Identified disability																						
Yes	6	0	0	2	33	2	33	2	33	435	19	0	47	26	26	438	2388	0	29	44	26	437
No	34	0	0	23	68	9	26	2	6	444	126	3	52	37	8	443	11665	5	65	25	6	446
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						373	1	32	35	32	436
No	40	0	0	25	63	11	28	4	10	443	145	3	51	36	10	443	13680	4	60	28	8	445
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	8	0	0	4	50	3	38	1	13	438	52	2	38	40	19	440	5502	1	47	37	14	441
No	32	0	0	21	66	8	25	3	9	444	93	3	58	33	5	444	8551	6	67	22	5	447
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						5	0	40	60	0	445
No	40	0	0	25	63	11	28	4	10	443	145	3	51	36	10	443	14048	4	59	28	9	445
Gender																						
Female	18	0	0	11	61	5	28	2	11	442	66	5	52	32	12	443	6959	5	61	26	8	446
Male	22	0	0	14	64	6	27	2	9	444	79	1	51	39	9	442	7093	3	57	30	10	444
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	3										21	0	24	48	29	435	1890	0	37	46	17	439
No	37	0	0	25	68	8	22	4	11	444	124	3	56	34	7	444	12163	5	63	25	8	446
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										1						266	21	74	4	0	456
No	40	0	0	25	63	11	28	4	10	443	144	2	51	36	10	443	13787	4	59	28	9	445

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NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. **N** = Number

ELA–READING RESULTS
(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										8	9	27	45	18	440	5	1	42	36	21	440
B. less than one hour	85	0	0	20	59	10	29	4	12	442	78	3	46	40	11	442	74	4	62	27	7	445
C. one to two hours	15	0	0	5	83	1	17	0	0	448	13	0	84	11	5	447	18	5	59	29	7	446
D. more than two hours	0										1	0	100	0	0	444	2	3	32	34	31	438
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	23	0	0	6	67	2	22	1	11	444	32	7	51	31	11	445	30	6	63	24	7	446
B. They match some of what I have learned.	46	0	0	14	78	4	22	0	0	445	50	1	56	37	6	443	52	4	63	27	6	446
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	21	0	0	4	50	3	38	1	13	442	13	0	42	37	21	439	12	2	46	37	15	441
D. There is no match.	10	0	0	1	25	2	50	1	25	434	5	0	14	71	14	436	5	0	33	40	26	437
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good	33	0	0	9	69	3	23	1	8	444	31	7	56	31	7	445	35	7	66	20	6	448
B. good	65	0	0	16	62	7	27	3	12	443	58	1	49	39	11	442	51	3	60	29	7	445
C. fair	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	432	9	0	38	46	15	441	12	1	44	40	16	440
D. poor	0										1	0	50	0	50	436	2	0	23	47	30	436
How hard was the reading part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	11	0	0	3	75	0	0	1	25	442	21	0	48	41	10	441	19	2	46	34	17	442
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	71	0	0	20	74	5	19	2	7	444	61	3	55	34	8	443	62	5	64	26	5	446
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	18	0	0	2	29	5	71	0	0	441	18	4	42	38	15	442	18	3	58	29	10	444
How hard were the reading passages on this test?																						
A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I usually read.	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	436	12	0	31	50	19	437	14	0	32	46	22	438
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I usually read.	73	0	0	18	67	6	22	3	11	442	58	1	48	38	13	441	52	3	62	28	7	445
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I usually read.	24	0	0	6	67	3	33	0	0	448	31	7	64	26	2	447	33	7	68	20	5	448
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																						
A. more than one hour	13	0	0	2	40	3	60	0	0	446	12	12	47	35	6	447	18	7	64	22	7	447
B. 20 minutes to an hour	70	0	0	18	64	7	25	3	11	443	64	0	54	34	12	442	55	4	64	26	6	446
C. less than 20 minutes	8	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	436	16	9	35	48	9	443	14	2	53	33	12	443
D. I rarely read at home.	10	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	446	8	0	58	33	8	442	13	1	44	39	16	441
How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?																						
A. five or fewer pages	8	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	439	14	5	25	45	25	439	23	3	50	34	13	442
B. six to ten pages	18	0	0	3	43	2	29	2	29	438	26	3	44	42	11	442	25	3	60	29	8	444
C. eleven or more pages	75	0	0	21	70	8	27	1	3	444	60	2	60	31	7	444	52	5	64	24	6	446
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	50	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	432	58	0	14	43	43	433						
B.	25	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	442	8	0	100	0	0	442						
C.	0										8	0	0	0	100	418						
D.	25	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	442	25	0	67	0	33	439						

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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Grade:	4
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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		SAU		State	
		N	%	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 461–480)	2005-2006	2	7	4	3	1294	9
	2006-2007	3	8	9	6	1054	8
	2007-2008	**3**	**8**	**6**	**4**	**1321**	**9**
	Cum. Total*	8	7	19	4	3669	9
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 441–460)	2005-2006	18	62	66	47	7000	50
	2006-2007	12	32	71	44	7394	53
	2007-2008	**18**	**45**	**74**	**51**	**7079**	**51**
	Cum. Total*	48	45	211	47	21473	51
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 429–440)	2005-2006	7	24	39	28	3784	27
	2006-2007	15	39	50	31	3729	27
	2007-2008	**12**	**30**	**41**	**28**	**3955**	**28**
	Cum. Total*	34	32	130	29	11468	27
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 400–428)	2005-2006	2	7	30	22	1894	14
	2006-2007	8	21	32	20	1735	12
	2007-2008	**7**	**18**	**24**	**17**	**1642**	**12**
	Cum. Total*	17	16	86	19	5271	13

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations	**15**	**31**	8.9	59.3	8.7	58.0	9.5	63.3
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	**14**	**29**	8.7	62.1	8.6	61.4	9.1	65.0
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	**5**	**10**	3.2	64.0	3.2	64.0	3.4	68.0
Cluster 4: Patterns	**14**	**29**	8.8	62.9	9.2	65.7	9.7	69.3

Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations
- A. Numbers and Number Sense
- B. Computation
- I. Discrete Mathematics (grades 3 and 4 only)

Cluster 2: Shape and Size
- E. Geometry
- F. Measurement

Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making
- C. Data Analysis and Statistics
- D. Probability

Cluster 4: Patterns
- G. Patterns, Relations, and Functions
- H. Algebra Concepts
- K. Mathematical Communication

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS
(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	40	3	8	18	45	12	30	7	18	442	145	4	51	28	17	442	13997	9	51	28	12	445
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										1						386	4	26	34	36	434
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						101	3	46	41	11	442
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										2						262	14	51	23	12	447
Hispanic	0										2						162	4	41	34	21	440
Caucasian/White	40	3	8	18	45	12	30	7	18	442	140	4	51	29	16	442	13085	10	51	28	11	446
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Identified disability																						
Yes	6	0	0	3	50	1	17	2	33	435	19	0	42	26	32	437	2372	3	31	36	30	436
No	34	3	9	15	44	11	32	5	15	443	126	5	52	29	14	442	11625	11	54	27	8	447
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						381	4	33	28	35	435
No	40	3	8	18	45	12	30	7	18	442	145	4	51	28	17	442	13616	10	51	28	11	445
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	8	0	0	3	38	4	50	1	13	436	52	0	35	38	27	435	5472	5	41	35	19	440
No	32	3	9	15	47	8	25	6	19	443	93	6	60	23	11	445	8525	13	56	24	7	448
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						5	0	80	20	0	448
No	40	3	8	18	45	12	30	7	18	442	145	4	51	28	17	442	13992	9	51	28	12	445
Gender																						
Female	18	1	6	5	28	10	56	2	11	440	66	5	45	33	17	440	6933	9	50	29	12	445
Male	22	2	9	13	59	2	9	5	23	443	79	4	56	24	16	443	7063	10	51	27	11	446
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	3										21	0	14	38	48	427	1890	2	34	41	23	438
No	37	3	8	18	49	11	30	5	14	444	124	5	57	27	11	444	12107	11	53	26	10	446
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										1						266	45	49	5	0	461
No	40	3	8	18	45	12	30	7	18	442	144	4	51	28	17	442	13731	9	51	29	12	445

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS
(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008
Grade: 4
SAU: MSAD 11
School: Helen Thompson School

QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										8	0	27	36	36	432	5	6	34	33	27	438
B. less than one hour	85	2	6	16	47	10	29	6	18	441	78	4	50	29	16	442	74	10	52	28	10	446
C. one to two hours	15	1	17	2	33	2	33	1	17	446	13	5	68	16	11	447	18	10	52	28	10	446
D. more than two hours	0										1	0	100	0	0	452	2	5	33	28	34	436
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	38	2	13	7	47	4	27	2	13	445	39	7	53	22	18	443	38	13	56	23	8	448
B. They match some of what I have learned.	51	1	5	10	50	6	30	3	15	442	43	2	61	31	7	443	48	8	52	29	10	445
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	8	0	0	0	0	1	33	2	67	424	12	6	18	18	59	433	10	4	35	39	22	439
D. There is no match.	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	436	6	0	33	67	0	441	4	2	25	33	40	433
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	46	3	17	9	50	5	28	1	6	448	38	9	56	26	9	446	35	16	55	20	8	449
B. good	41	0	0	7	44	5	31	4	25	438	46	2	51	31	17	441	48	7	52	31	11	445
C. fair	13	0	0	1	20	2	40	2	40	429	14	0	45	25	30	436	14	3	41	38	18	440
D. poor	0										1	0	0	50	50	424	3	1	29	36	34	435
How hard was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	13	0	0	1	20	1	20	3	60	431	16	4	35	26	35	438	15	4	38	33	25	439
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	59	2	9	12	52	7	30	2	9	445	61	5	56	27	13	443	64	10	54	28	9	446
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	28	1	9	4	36	4	36	2	18	439	22	3	52	35	10	442	21	13	52	24	11	447
How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	419	17	0	25	33	42	433	23	8	47	29	16	443
B. two or three days a week	21	0	0	5	63	2	25	1	13	440	33	6	49	30	15	442	36	11	54	27	9	447
C. two or three times each month	50	3	16	7	37	6	32	3	16	443	35	6	63	20	10	445	25	10	53	27	10	446
D. never or almost never	24	0	0	5	56	3	33	1	11	446	15	0	57	33	10	444	16	9	46	32	13	444
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	5	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	428	6	0	0	33	67	425	5	3	30	33	33	436
B. two or three days a week	10	0	0	1	25	1	25	2	50	430	15	0	33	29	38	435	19	8	50	30	12	445
C. two or three times each month	56	3	14	10	45	6	27	3	14	443	52	5	55	30	10	443	38	11	55	26	8	447
D. never or almost never	28	0	0	6	55	4	36	1	9	445	27	5	63	24	8	448	38	9	50	29	12	445
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?																						
A. less than 30 minutes	8	0	0	2	67	0	0	1	33	445	11	0	20	53	27	435	8	3	33	38	25	438
B. 30–45 minutes	11	1	25	1	25	0	0	2	50	440	37	2	56	23	19	442	27	6	48	33	13	443
C. 45–60 minutes	76	2	7	14	48	9	31	4	14	442	44	6	58	24	11	444	38	11	54	26	9	447
D. more than 60 minutes	5	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	432	9	8	33	33	25	438	26	13	55	23	9	448
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	419	58	0	14	14	71	425						
B.	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	418	8	0	0	0	100	418						
C.	0										8	0	0	0	100	408						
D.	25	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	456	25	0	100	0	0	453						

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESULTS

Test Date:	March 2008
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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 Span Expectations in science and technology.		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in science, 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 using the processes of scientific inquiry, and explain complex concepts using evidence and proper terminology to support and communicate logical conclusions. (scaled score 461–480)	2005-2006	5	17	8	6	751	5
	2006-2007	5	13	11	7	963	7
	2007-2008	**0**	**0**	**5**	**3**	**882**	**6**
	Cum. Total*	10	9	24	5	2596	6
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve routine problems using the processes of scientific inquiry and explain central concepts with sufficient clarity and accuracy to demonstrate general understanding. (scaled score 441–460)	2005-2006	14	48	55	40	7251	52
	2006-2007	15	39	69	43	6824	49
	2007-2008	**21**	**53**	**76**	**52**	**7130**	**51**
	Cum. Total*	50	47	200	45	21205	51
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in science and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems using scientific inquiry but the quality of responses is inconsistent. Explanation of concepts may be incomplete or unclear. (scaled score 429–440)	2005-2006	10	34	57	41	4514	32
	2006-2007	12	32	56	35	4382	32
	2007-2008	**15**	**38**	**48**	**33**	**4433**	**32**
	Cum. Total*	37	35	161	36	13329	32
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in science and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and use the skills of scientific inquiry. There are many inaccuracies and explanations are illogical, incomplete, or missing. (scaled score 400–428)	2005-2006	0	0	19	14	1458	10
	2006-2007	6	16	26	16	1735	12
	2007-2008	**4**	**10**	**16**	**11**	**1546**	**11**
	Cum. Total*	10	9	61	14	4739	11

Learning Results Content Standard Clusters	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Life Sciences	**12**	**25**	7.6	63.3	7.7	64.2	8.0	66.7
Cluster 2: Physical Sciences	**12**	**25**	7.6	63.3	8.1	67.5	7.2	60.0
Cluster 3: Earth and Space Sciences	**12**	**25**	6.8	56.7	6.7	55.8	7.4	61.7
Cluster 4: Nature and Implications of Science	**12**	**25**	7.3	60.8	7.3	60.8	7.6	63.3

Cluster 1: Life Sciences
- A. Classifying Life Forms
- B. Ecology
- C. Cells

Cluster 2: Physical Sciences
- E. Structure of Matter
- H. Energy
- I. Motion

Cluster 3: Earth and Space Sciences
- D. Continuity and Change
- F. The Earth
- G. The Universe

Cluster 4: Nature and Implications of Science
- J. Inquiry and Problem Solving
- K. Scientific Reasoning
- L. Communication
- M. Implications of Science & Technology

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	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	40	0	0	21	53	15	38	4	10	442	145	3	52	33	11	443	13991	6	51	32	11	444
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										1						385	2	27	35	36	434
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						101	3	44	44	10	441
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										2						262	5	52	28	14	443
Hispanic	0										2						162	2	38	39	21	439
Caucasian/White	40	0	0	21	53	15	38	4	10	442	140	4	52	34	11	443	13080	7	52	31	10	444
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Identified disability																						
Yes	6	0	0	2	33	3	50	1	17	435	19	0	37	47	16	439	2370	2	32	41	25	437
No	34	0	0	19	56	12	35	3	9	443	126	4	55	31	10	444	11621	7	55	30	8	445
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						379	1	25	35	39	433
No	40	0	0	21	53	15	38	4	10	442	145	3	52	33	11	443	13612	6	52	32	10	444
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	8	0	0	4	50	3	38	1	13	439	52	2	38	38	21	438	5470	3	41	39	18	440
No	32	0	0	17	53	12	38	3	9	443	93	4	60	30	5	446	8521	9	57	27	7	446
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						5	20	20	40	20	443
No	40	0	0	21	53	15	38	4	10	442	145	3	52	33	11	443	13986	6	51	32	11	444
Gender																						
Female	18	0	0	6	33	10	56	2	11	439	66	5	44	41	11	442	6929	6	49	33	12	443
Male	22	0	0	15	68	5	23	2	9	444	79	3	59	27	11	444	7061	7	53	30	10	444
Not Reported	0										0						1					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	3										21	0	19	38	43	433	1888	1	32	44	23	437
No	37	0	0	21	57	14	38	2	5	443	124	4	58	32	6	445	12103	7	54	30	9	445
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										1						266	30	65	5	1	457
No	40	0	0	21	53	15	38	4	10	442	144	3	52	33	11	443	13725	6	51	32	11	444

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(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	0										8	0	45	18	36	439	5	4	37	36	22	439
B. less than one hour	85	0	0	17	50	13	38	4	12	441	78	4	49	37	11	442	74	6	53	31	10	444
C. one to two hours	15	0	0	4	67	2	33	0	0	448	13	5	68	26	0	448	18	7	52	32	8	445
D. more than two hours	0										1	0	100	0	0	448	2	4	31	33	32	437
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about science?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in science class.	13	0	0	2	40	2	40	1	20	440	33	4	53	30	13	444	24	9	53	28	10	446
B. They match some of what I have learned.	50	0	0	10	50	9	45	1	5	442	46	5	53	35	8	444	49	6	54	31	9	445
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	33	0	0	8	62	3	23	2	15	442	16	0	43	39	17	440	21	4	47	36	13	442
D. There is no match.	5	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	445	4	0	50	33	17	442	6	2	35	37	25	438
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in science?																						
A. very good	40	0	0	11	69	4	25	1	6	444	33	0	60	30	11	442	25	9	53	27	10	446
B. good	55	0	0	9	41	10	45	3	14	440	53	5	51	33	11	444	54	6	55	30	9	445
C. fair	5	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	447	11	6	31	50	13	440	19	3	43	40	15	441
D. poor	0										3	0	50	25	25	438	3	2	28	42	29	435
How difficult was the science part of this test?																						
A. harder than my regular schoolwork	15	0	0	4	67	1	17	1	17	440	16	0	57	30	13	441	22	5	45	35	15	442
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	65	0	0	14	54	12	46	0	0	444	69	5	52	36	7	444	62	7	53	31	9	445
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	20	0	0	3	38	2	25	3	38	435	14	0	55	20	25	440	16	7	52	28	13	444
How often do you have science classes?																						
A. every day	0										8	0	42	33	25	439	24	7	48	33	12	444
B. a few times a week	95	0	0	21	55	14	37	3	8	443	83	3	55	33	8	444	53	7	54	31	9	445
C. once a week	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	426	5	14	29	29	29	437	9	6	46	33	15	442
D. a few times a month	3	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	432	4	0	33	50	17	438	14	5	50	31	14	443
Which statement best describes how you learn science?																						
A. I mostly read a textbook and answer questions, and/or take notes and do assignments. I use science kits for demonstrations and experiments.	10	0	0	2	50	0	0	2	50	435	34	4	54	23	19	443	25	5	48	34	13	443
B. I work in groups to design and conduct experiments.	25	0	0	4	40	4	40	2	20	438	21	0	40	43	17	438	27	4	46	37	13	442
C. I do a combination of A and B, but mostly A.	28	0	0	6	55	5	45	0	0	444	25	9	51	34	6	445	26	7	56	28	8	445
D. I do a combination of A and B, but mostly B.	38	0	0	9	60	6	40	0	0	444	20	0	59	41	0	445	22	9	55	26	9	446
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	421	58	0	0	43	57	428						
B.	25	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	442	8	0	100	0	0	442						
C.	0										8	0	0	0	100	414						
D.	25	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	448	25	0	67	33	0	443						

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