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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2008–2009 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 accountability standards of Maine's *Learning Results*. The *Learning Results* contain goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and include the accountability standards that are assessed 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 2008-2009 MEA Summary Reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades and science at grades 5 and 8 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. More information about 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 assessments.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education

MEA
Maine Educational Assessment

School Report
Grade 5

Test Date:	March 2009
Code:	10031131
SAU:	Alton School Department
School:	Alton Elementary School

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The report is divided into two main sections including a section describing the students tested and a separate section for the results in each content area.

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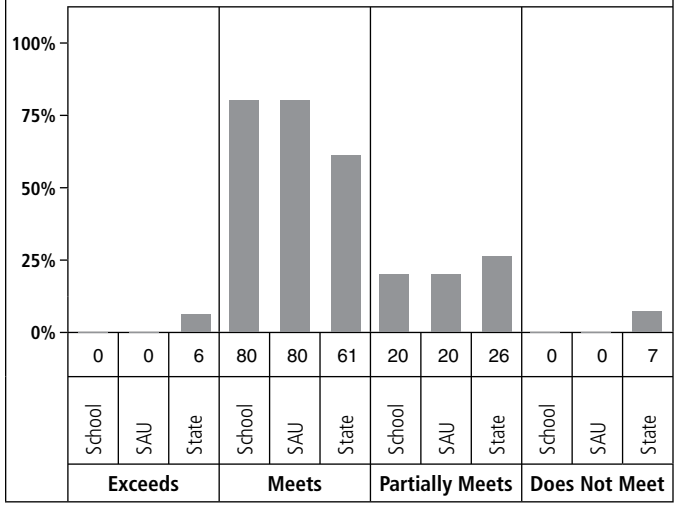
SUMMARY OF SCORES

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: Alton School Department
School: Alton Elementary School

Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading			
2006–2007			544
2007–2008	548	548	545
2008–2009	**546**	**546**	**546**
Cum. Avg.*			545
Mathematics			
2006–2007			546
2007–2008	547	547	546
2008–2009	**544**	**544**	**547**
Cum. Avg.*			546
Science			
2008-2009 **	**537**	**537**	**543**

ELA – READING



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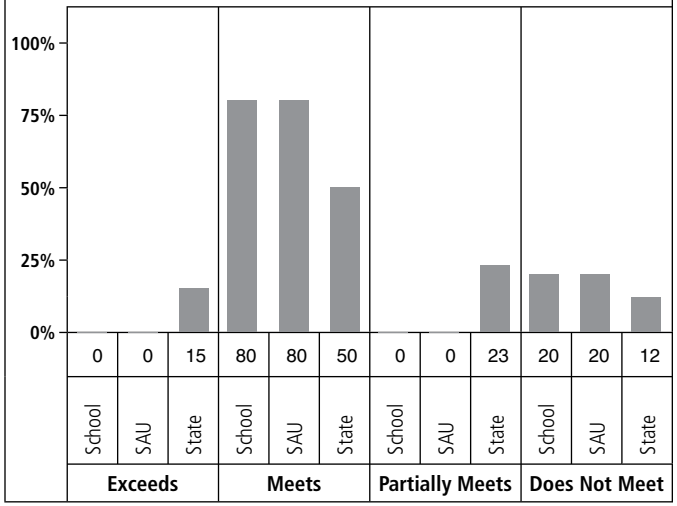

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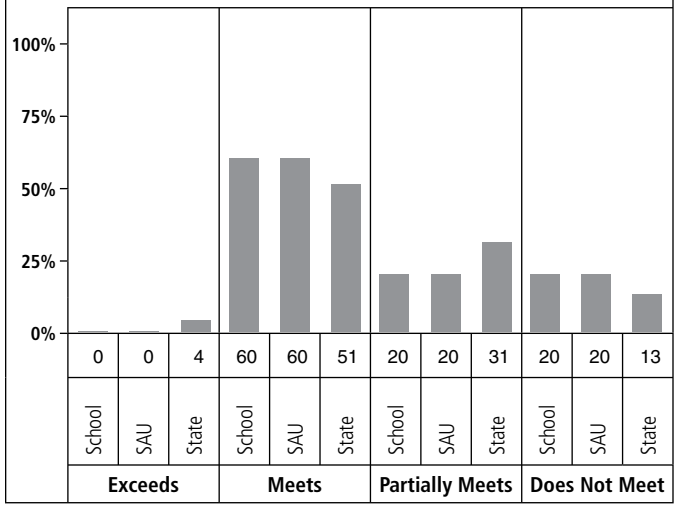

*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.
**Because science testing moved from grade 4 to grade 5 in March 2009, science standards were reset and therefore no historical data are available.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: Alton School Department
School: Alton Elementary School

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment[1] during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION[2]																	
							ELA–Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	5	100	5	100	14212	100	5	100	5	100	14135	100	5	100	5	100	14144	100	5	100	5	100	14137	100
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0	0	0	397	3	0	0	0	0	388	98	0	0	0	0	393	99	0	0	0	0	389	98
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	110	1	0	0	0	0	110	100	0	0	0	0	110	100	0	0	0	0	110	100
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	259	2	0	0	0	0	253	98	0	0	0	0	258	100	0	0	0	0	257	99
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	175	1	0	0	0	0	172	99	0	0	0	0	172	99	0	0	0	0	173	99
Caucasian/White	5	100	5	100	13271	93	5	100	5	100	13212	100	5	100	5	100	13211	100	5	100	5	100	13208	100
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Identified disability	0	0	0	0	2479	17	0	0	0	0	2454	100	0	0	0	0	2455	100	0	0	0	0	2451	99
Current LEP	0	0	0	0	374	3	0	0	0	0	359	96	0	0	0	0	370	99	0	0	0	0	366	98
Economically disadvantaged	2	40	2	40	5848	41	2	100	2	100	5815	100	2	100	2	100	5819	100	2	100	2	100	5812	100
Migrant	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	100	0	0	0	0	8	100	0	0	0	0	8	100

MODE OF PARTICIPATION[3]	ELA–Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	5	100	5	100	10849	76	5	100	5	100	10872	76	5	100	5	100	10976	77
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	298	3	0	0	0	0	307	3	0	0	0	0	338	3
LEP	0	0	0	0	170	2	0	0	0	0	169	2	0	0	0	0	177	2
504 plan	1	20	1	20	123	1	1	20	1	20	121	1	1	20	1	20	126	1
Participation with accommodations	0	0	0	0	3122	22	0	0	0	0	3124	22	0	0	0	0	3019	21
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	1992	64	0	0	0	0	2000	64	0	0	0	0	1971	65
LEP	0	0	0	0	184	6	0	0	0	0	196	6	0	0	0	0	184	6
504 plan	0	0	0	0	84	3	0	0	0	0	86	3	0	0	0	0	81	3
Other	0	0	0	0	907	29	0	0	0	0	886	28	0	0	0	0	826	27
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0	0	0	164	1	0	0	0	0	148	1	0	0	0	0	142	1
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	164	100	0	0	0	0	148	100	0	0	0	0	142	100
LEP	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	4
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	0	0												
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Non-participation – other	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	55	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 by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: Alton School Department
School: Alton Elementary School

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction* 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 562–580)	2006-2007					702	5
	2007-2008	1	10	1	10	659	5
	2008-2009	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**836**	**6**
	Cum. Total*					2197	5
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 542–560)	2006-2007					7730	55
	2007-2008	7	70	7	70	8195	58
	2008-2009	**4**	**80**	**4**	**80**	**8495**	**61**
	Cum. Total*					24420	58
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 532–540)	2006-2007					4182	30
	2007-2008	2	20	2	20	3800	27
	2008-2009	**1**	**20**	**1**	**20**	**3667**	**26**
	Cum. Total*					11649	28
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 500–530)	2006-2007					1419	10
	2007-2008	0	0	0	0	1362	10
	2008-2009	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**973**	**7**
	Cum. Total*					3754	9

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reading Total Points	**48**	**100**	30.8	64.2	30.8	64.2	30.8	64.2
A1/A2 Interconnected Elements/Literary Text	**24**	**50**	15.6	65.0	15.6	65.0	15.0	62.5
A1/A3 Interconnected Elements/Informational Text	**24**	**50**	15.2	63.3	15.2	63.3	15.8	65.8

The MEA assesses students' reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Reading passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. MEA reading items measure the English Language Arts accountability content standard A, Reading, contained in Maine's 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html.

*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 2009
Grade: 5
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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	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	13971	6	61	26	7	546
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						381	2	44	31	23	540
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	0	48	38	14	541
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						252	11	58	21	11	547
Hispanic	0										0						166	4	54	32	10	543
Caucasian/White	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	13062	6	62	26	6	546
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	0										0						2290	0	29	47	23	537
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	11681	7	67	22	4	548
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						354	1	35	34	30	538
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	13617	6	61	26	6	546
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	2										2						5716	2	51	35	12	542
No	3										3						8255	9	67	20	4	548
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	38	25	38	538
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	13963	6	61	26	7	546
Gender																						
Female	2										2						6882	8	62	24	6	547
Male	3										3						7089	4	60	28	8	545
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1914	1	41	44	14	540
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	12057	7	64	23	6	547
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	26	72	2	0	557
No	5	0	0	4	80	1	20	0	0	546	5	0	80	20	0	546	13521	5	60	27	7	545

E = Exceeds the Standards **M = Meets the Standards** **P = Partially Meets the Standards** **D = Does Not Meet the Standards**

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 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: Alton School Department
School: Alton Elementary 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										0						4	2	40	34	24	540
B. less than one hour	80	0	0	3	75	1	25	0	0	547	80	0	75	25	0	547	70	6	63	26	6	546
C. one to two hours	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	542	20	0	100	0	0	542	24	7	61	26	6	546
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	4	42	33	21	541
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good	80	0	0	3	75	1	25	0	0	545	80	0	75	25	0	545	36	10	67	18	5	549
B. good	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	548	20	0	100	0	0	548	47	5	62	27	6	546
C. fair	0										0						15	2	47	40	12	541
D. poor	0										0						2	0	30	46	24	537
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.	60	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	547	60	0	67	33	0	547	31	9	65	20	5	548
B. They match some of what I have learned.	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	544	40	0	100	0	0	544	55	5	63	27	5	546
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	0										0						10	3	45	38	14	542
D. There is no match.	0										0						3	1	31	41	27	537
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	0										0						16	3	49	32	15	542
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	550	40	0	100	0	0	550	64	7	63	25	5	547
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	60	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	543	60	0	67	33	0	543	20	5	62	26	7	546
How difficult were the reading passages on this test?																						
A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read.	0										0						10	1	33	42	24	538
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	550	40	0	100	0	0	550	52	4	61	29	6	545
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	60	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	543	60	0	67	33	0	543	38	10	68	18	4	549
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																						
A. more than one hour	80	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	549	80	0	100	0	0	549	20	10	64	21	5	548
B. 20 minutes to an hour	20	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	534	20	0	0	100	0	534	56	7	65	24	5	547
C. less than 20 minutes	0										0						10	3	52	33	12	543
D. I rarely read at home.	0										0						14	1	46	38	14	541
How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?																						
A. five or fewer pages	20	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	534	20	0	0	100	0	534	25	3	53	33	11	543
B. six to ten pages	0										0						26	6	61	26	7	546
C. eleven or more pages	80	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	549	80	0	100	0	0	549	49	8	65	23	5	547
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Test Date:	March 2009
Grade:	5
SAU:	Alton School Department
School:	Alton Elementary School

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction* 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 562–580)	2006-2007					1711	12
	2007-2008	0	0	0	0	1617	12
	2008-2009	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2119**	**15**
	Cum. Total*					5447	13
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 542–560)	2006-2007					6778	48
	2007-2008	6	60	6	60	7284	52
	2008-2009	**4**	**80**	**4**	**80**	**7046**	**50**
	Cum. Total*					21108	50
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 530–540)	2006-2007					3884	28
	2007-2008	4	40	4	40	3341	24
	2008-2009	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3193**	**23**
	Cum. Total*					10418	25
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 500–528)	2006-2007					1683	12
	2007-2008	0	0	0	0	1778	13
	2008-2009	**1**	**20**	**1**	**20**	**1638**	**12**
	Cum. Total*					5099	12

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Mathematics Total Points	**48**	**100**	23.6	49.2	23.6	49.2	25.5	53.1
A. Number	**18**	**38**	10.2	56.7	10.2	56.7	9.8	54.4
B. Data	**10**	**21**	5.0	50.0	5.0	50.0	5.2	52.0
C. Geometry	**10**	**21**	4.0	40.0	4.0	40.0	4.7	47.0
D. Algebra	**10**	**21**	4.4	44.0	4.4	44.0	5.7	57.0

The MEA assesses students' mathematics knowledge based on questions that measure the mathematics accountability content standards contained in Maine's 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html.

Content Standard A, Number, includes Whole Number, Rational Number, and Real Number.

Content Standard B, Data, includes Measurement and Approximation, Data Analysis, and Probability.

Content Standard C, Geometry, includes Geometric Figures, Geometric Measurement, and Transformations.

Content Standard D, Algebra, includes Symbols and Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, and Functions and Relations.

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS
(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: Alton School Department
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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	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	13996	15	50	23	12	547
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						385	6	35	28	30	537
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	5	42	34	20	540
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						257	19	50	20	12	548
Hispanic	0										0						166	9	43	31	17	543
Caucasian/White	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	13078	15	51	23	11	547
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	0										0						2307	3	32	32	33	536
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	11689	17	54	21	8	549
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						365	5	33	30	32	536
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	13631	15	51	23	11	547
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	2										2						5731	7	46	29	18	542
No	3										3						8265	21	53	19	7	550
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	38	50	13	540
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	13988	15	50	23	12	547
Gender																						
Female	2										2						6889	14	51	23	12	546
Male	3										3						7107	16	50	23	11	547
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1918	3	39	36	22	539
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	12078	17	52	21	10	548
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	64	34	2	0	564
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	544	5	0	80	0	20	544	13546	14	51	23	12	546

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS
(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
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School: Alton Elementary 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										0						4	8	38	26	28	539
B. less than one hour	80	0	0	3	75	0	0	1	25	544	80	0	75	0	25	544	70	15	52	23	10	547
C. one to two hours	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	544	20	0	100	0	0	544	24	15	51	23	11	547
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	9	37	24	30	539
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	550	40	0	100	0	0	550	34	28	50	14	8	552
B. good	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	544	20	0	100	0	0	544	45	11	54	24	10	546
C. fair	40	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	537	40	0	50	0	50	537	18	3	45	33	19	540
D. poor	0										0						3	1	29	41	29	535
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.	60	0	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	549	60	0	100	0	0	549	38	22	52	19	7	550
B. They match some of what I have learned.	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	544	20	0	100	0	0	544	48	12	53	24	11	546
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	528	20	0	0	0	100	528	11	6	40	30	24	540
D. There is no match.	0										0						3	6	26	29	38	534
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	0										0						17	7	42	30	21	540
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	60	0	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	548	60	0	100	0	0	548	64	15	53	23	10	547
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	40	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	537	40	0	50	0	50	537	19	24	49	17	10	550
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?																						
A. less than 30 minutes	0										0						7	6	39	27	27	539
B. 30–45 minutes	60	0	0	2	67	0	0	1	33	539	60	0	67	0	33	539	28	9	49	28	15	544
C. 45–60 minutes	0										0						41	17	53	21	9	548
D. more than 60 minutes	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	550	40	0	100	0	0	550	24	21	51	20	8	549
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	0										0						6	14	43	24	20	543
B. two or three days a week	40	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	537	40	0	50	0	50	537	24	17	52	21	10	548
C. two or three times each month	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	544	20	0	100	0	0	544	33	17	52	21	9	548
D. never or almost never	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	550	40	0	100	0	0	550	38	12	49	25	14	545
How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	60	0	0	2	67	0	0	1	33	543	60	0	67	0	33	543	23	13	47	26	15	545
B. two or three days a week	0										0						31	17	52	21	10	548
C. two or three times each month	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	544	20	0	100	0	0	544	27	17	52	21	10	548
D. never or almost never	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	546	20	0	100	0	0	546	20	12	50	24	14	545
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

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SCIENCE 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 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction* in science.		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, and explain complex concepts using evidence and proper terminology to support and communicate logical conclusions. (Scaled Score 562–580)	2008-2009*	0	0	0	0	626	4
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 and explain central concepts with sufficient clarity and accuracy to demonstrate general understanding. (Scaled Score 542–560)	2008-2009*	3	60	3	60	7187	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 but the quality of responses is inconsistent. Explanation of concepts may be incomplete or unclear. (Scaled Score 532–540)	2008-2009*	1	20	1	20	4364	31
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. Explanations are illogical, incomplete, or missing. There are many inaccuracies. (Scaled Score 500–530)	2008-2009*	1	20	1	20	1818	13

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Science Total Points	48	100	25.4	52.9	25.4	52.9	29.2	60.8
D. The Physical Setting	24	50	11.6	48.3	11.6	48.3	12.9	53.8
E. The Living Environment	24	50	13.8	57.5	13.8	57.5	16.3	67.9

The MEA assesses students' science knowledge based on questions that measure the science accountability content standards highlighted in Maine's 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html.

Content Standard D. The Physical Setting
- D1 - Universe and Solar System
- D2 - Earth
- D3 - Matter and Energy
- D4 - Force and Motion

Content Standard E. The Living Environment
- E1 - Biodiversity
- E2 - Ecosystems
- E3 - Cells
- E4 - Heredity and Reproduction
- E5 - Evolution

*Standards were set for the new grade 5 science assessment in May 2009 so no historical data are available.

SCIENCE RESULTS
(CONTINUED)

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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	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	13995	4	51	31	13	543
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						382	2	31	32	35	535
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	3	36	35	26	538
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						256	5	51	27	17	542
Hispanic	0										0						167	1	40	37	22	539
Caucasian/White	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	13080	5	52	31	12	544
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	0										0						2309	2	29	39	29	536
No	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	11686	5	56	30	10	545
Current LEP																						
Yes	0										0						361	1	23	32	44	533
No	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	13634	5	52	31	12	544
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	2										2						5729	2	42	37	20	539
No	3										3						8266	6	58	27	8	546
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	25	13	63	530
No	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	13987	4	51	31	13	543
Gender																						
Female	2										2						6886	4	49	33	14	542
Male	3										3						7109	5	54	29	12	544
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1917	1	31	41	28	536
No	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	12078	5	55	30	11	544
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	25	72	2	1	557
No	5	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	537	5	0	60	20	20	537	13545	4	51	32	13	543

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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										0						4	2	37	35	25	538
B. less than one hour	80	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	536	80	0	50	25	25	536	70	4	53	31	12	544
C. one to two hours	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	542	20	0	100	0	0	542	24	5	51	31	12	544
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	4	39	31	26	539
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in science?																						
A. very good	60	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	533	60	0	33	33	33	533	26	7	56	26	11	545
B. good	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	543	40	0	100	0	0	543	53	4	53	31	11	544
C. fair	0										0						18	2	41	39	17	540
D. poor	0										0						3	1	33	36	30	536
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.	80	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	536	80	0	50	25	25	536	23	5	56	28	11	544
B. They match some of what I have learned.	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	542	20	0	100	0	0	542	48	5	52	31	12	544
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	0										0						23	4	49	33	14	543
D. There is no match.	0										0						6	3	40	34	23	539
How difficult was the science part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	0										0						23	5	48	31	16	543
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	60	0	0	3	100	0	0	0	0	544	60	0	100	0	0	544	58	4	52	32	12	543
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	40	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	527	40	0	0	50	50	527	19	6	53	29	11	544
How often do you have science classes?																						
A. every day	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	522	20	0	0	0	100	522	33	5	51	31	14	543
B. a few times a week	80	0	0	3	75	1	25	0	0	541	80	0	75	25	0	541	45	4	52	32	11	544
C. once a week	0										0						8	4	50	30	16	542
D. a few times a month	0										0						15	4	52	30	14	543
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.	40	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	537	40	0	50	50	0	537	30	3	48	35	14	542
B. I work in groups to design and conduct experiments.	40	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	545	40	0	100	0	0	545	23	2	43	37	18	540
C. I do a combination of A and B, mostly A.	0										0						27	6	58	26	9	546
D. I do a combination of A and B, mostly B.	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	522	20	0	0	0	100	522	21	6	58	27	10	545
How often do you make observations and collect data in science class?																						
A. a few times a week	80	0	0	2	50	1	25	1	25	535	80	0	50	25	25	535	47	4	51	32	12	543
B. a few times a month	0										0						27	5	54	30	11	544
C. once a month	0										0						10	5	49	30	15	543
D. never or almost never	20	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	546	20	0	100	0	0	546	15	3	48	32	16	542
How often do you use observations and data to support your idea about science?																						
A. a few times a week	40	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	534	40	0	50	0	50	534	46	4	52	32	12	543
B. a few times a month	60	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	539	60	0	67	33	0	539	28	5	53	30	12	544
C. once a month	0										0						11	4	47	34	15	542
D. never or almost never	0										0						15	4	50	30	16	542
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
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