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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2010–2011 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

This 2010–2011 MEA Summary Report contains the results of student achievement in science at grades 5 and 8, as well as disaggregations by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and item analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State’s measure of student progress in achieving the State science 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 science test is administered to students in grades 5 and 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the federal requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

MEA results reflect scores based on the common science test questions that are taken by the approximately 14,000 students in each grade level. Students’ scores 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.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities in your schools. These assuredly will help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* as demonstrated on classroom, district, and state assessments.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Bowen
Commissioner of Education



Grade 8 Science School Report

Test Date: May 2011
Code: 3168-1376
SAU: RSU 23
School: Saco Middle School

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May 2011 - Grade 8 MEA Science Test

Grade Level Summary Report

School: Saco Middle School
 SAU: RSU 23
 State: Maine
 Code: 3168-1376

Schools and SAUs administered the MEA Science tests to every enrolled student with the following exceptions: students who participated in the alternate assessment for the 2010–11 school year, students for whom a special consideration was granted through the state Department of

Education, and other students for reasons not approved. On this page, and throughout this report, results are only reported for groups of students that are larger than nine (9).

PARTICIPATION SUMMARY	Number			Percentage		
	School	SAU	State	School	SAU	State
Students enrolled	261	317	14,258	100	100	100
	Science			Science		
Students tested	250	306	13,831	96	97	97
With an approved accommodation	49	53	1,898	20	17	14
Current LEP Students	0	1	308	0	0	2
With an approved accommodation	0	0	123		0	40
IEP Students	42	49	2,045	17	16	15
With an approved accommodation	41	45	1,529	98	92	75
Students not tested in MEA	11	11	427	4	3	3
State Approved	8	8	244	73	73	57
Alternate Assessment	7	7	204	88	88	84
Special Consideration	1	1	40	13	13	16
Other	3	3	183	27	27	43

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

School												SAU						State						
Enrolled	Not Tested Approved	Not Tested Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
261	8	3	250	39	16	115	46	59	24	37	15	845	306	17	48	23	13	846	13,831	20	51	20	9	849

Level 4 = Proficient with Distinction; Level 3 = Proficient; Level 2 = Partially Proficient; Level 1 = Substantially Below Proficient

Note: Throughout this report, percentages may not total 100 since each percentage is rounded to the nearest whole number.



May 2011 - Grade 8 MEA

Science Results

School: Saco Middle School
SAU: RSU 23
State: Maine
Code: 3168-1376

Proficient with Distinction (Level 4)

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 862–880)

Proficient (Level 3)

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 842–860)

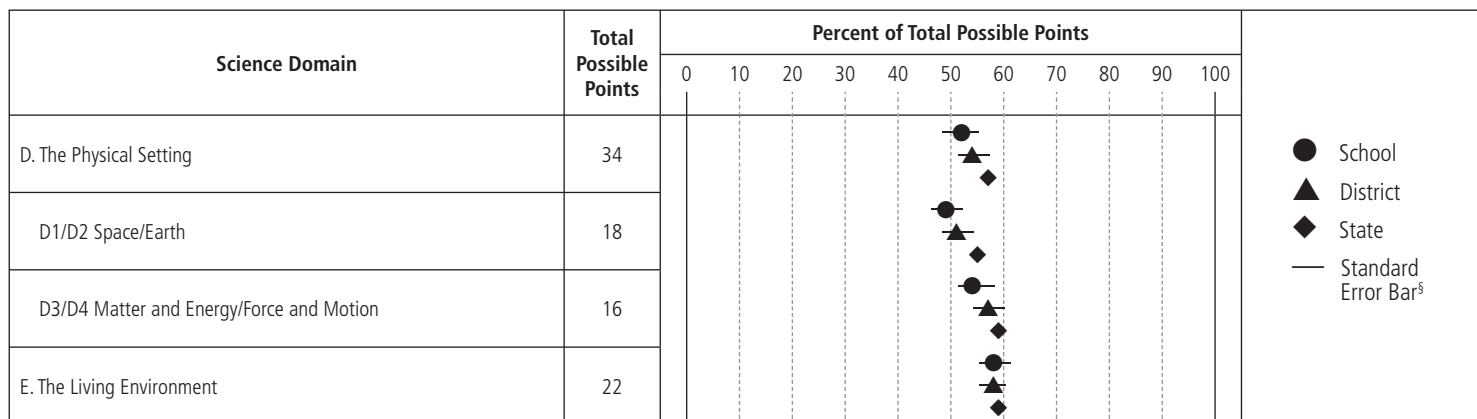
Partially Proficient (Level 2)

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 828–840)

Substantially Below Proficient (Level 1)

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 800–826)

	Enrolled	Not Tested Approved	Not Tested Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
SCHOOL													
2008-09	259	*	*	255	36	14	146	57	62	24	11	4	848
2009-10	235	2	1	232	46	20	123	53	49	21	14	6	850
2010-11	261	8	3	250	39	16	115	46	59	24	37	15	845
Cumulative Total**	755	**	**	737	121	16	384	52	170	23	62	8	848
SAU													
2008-09													
2009-10	310	3	1	306	53	17	162	53	69	23	22	7	849
2010-11	317	8	3	306	51	17	147	48	69	23	39	13	846
Cumulative Total**													
STATE													
2008-09	14,804	*	*	14,263	2,155	15	6,687	47	3,672	26	1,749	12	846
2009-10	14,443	247	165	14,031	2,443	17	7,635	54	2,791	20	1,162	8	849
2010-11	14,258	244	183	13,831	2,771	20	7,024	51	2,780	20	1,256	9	849
Cumulative Total**	43,505	**	**	42,125	7,369	17	21,346	51	9,243	22	4,167	10	848



The MEA assesses students' science knowledge based on questions that measure the science accountability content strands 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>.

* Data not previously calculated.

** Percentages are calculated by dividing the cumulative total of students in the achievement level by the cumulative total of the number of students tested, when three years of data are available.

§The standard error bar indicates how much the percent of points earned could vary if the students were examined multiple times with the same test.



May 2011 - Grade 8 MEA

Disaggregated Science Results

School: Saco Middle School
 SAU: RSU 23
 State: Maine
 Code: 3168-1376

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School												SAU					State							
	Enrolled	Not Tested Approved	Not Tested Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Score
All Students	261	8	3	250	39	16	115	46	59	24	37	15	845	306	17	48	23	13	846	13,831	20	51	20	9	849
Gender																									
Male	140	6	2	132	23	17	66	50	23	17	20	15	846	159	19	52	16	13	847	7,183	23	50	18	9	850
Female	121	2	1	118	16	14	49	42	36	31	17	14	844	147	14	44	30	12	846	6,648	17	52	22	9	848
Not Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
Race/Ethnicity																									
Hispanic or Latino	2	0	0	2										2						131	14	47	29	10	846
Not Hispanic or Latino																									
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6	0	0	6										6						178	22	52	15	11	849
Asian	11	1	0	10	3	30	4	40	3	30	0	0	851	10	30	40	30	0	851	385	6	40	29	25	838
Black or African American	2	0	0	2										4						188	13	46	29	12	845
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0										0						12	42	25	33	0	856
White	240	7	3	230	36	16	106	46	53	23	35	15	845	284	17	48	22	13	846	12,844	21	51	20	9	849
Two or more races	0	0	0	0										0						93	17	45	31	6	847
LEP Status																									
Currently receiving LEP services	0	0	0	0										1						308	2	31	32	35	834
Former LEP student - monitoring year 1	0	0	0	0										0						17	12	76	12	0	853
Former LEP student - monitoring year 2	0	0	0	0										0						14	14	79	7	0	852
All Other Students	261	8	3	250	39	16	115	46	59	24	37	15	845	305	17	48	23	12	846	13,492	20	51	20	9	849
IEP																									
Students with an IEP	49	7	0	42	2	5	9	21	14	33	17	40	834	49	6	24	33	37	835	2,045	6	32	34	28	837
All Other Students	212	1	3	208	37	18	106	51	45	22	20	10	848	257	19	53	21	8	849	11,786	22	54	18	6	851
SES																									
Economically Disadvantaged Students	91	5	1	85	8	9	39	46	21	25	17	20	842	114	10	50	24	17	843	5,853	11	49	25	15	844
All Other Students	170	3	2	165	31	19	76	46	38	23	20	12	847	192	21	47	22	10	848	7,978	27	52	16	5	852
Migrant																									
Migrant Students	0	0	0	0										0						3					
All Other Students	261	8	3	250	39	16	115	46	59	24	37	15	845	306	17	48	23	13	846	13,828	20	51	20	9	849
Title I																									
Students Receiving Title I Services	33	0	0	33	0	0	11	33	13	39	9	27	834	38	0	34	42	24	834	1,119	7	44	33	16	841
All Other Students	228	8	3	217	39	18	104	48	46	21	28	13	847	268	19	50	20	11	848	12,712	21	51	19	8	849
504 Plan																									
Students with a 504 Plan	11	0	0	11	1	9	7	64	1	9	2	18	848	12	8	67	8	17	848	400	20	53	19	8	850
All Other Students	250	8	3	239	38	16	108	45	58	24	35	15	845	294	17	47	23	13	846	13,431	20	51	20	9	849

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NOTE: Some numbers may have been left blank because fewer than ten (10) students were tested.