

Maine 2024-25 Maine Through Year Assessment in Education Reading and Mathematics

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This school year, publicly-funded Maine students in grades 3 through 8 and 2nd year of high school will participate in the Maine Through Year Assessment in the fall and spring. The Maine Through Year Assessment focuses on important grade level expectations in reading and mathematics. Educators use student results from this assessment to inform instruction, establish supports for students, and to share information about academic achievement with families.

Schools select their local administration dates within the six-week administration windows:

- Fall 2024 (Required): September 16 through October 25
- Winter 2025 (Optional): January 6 through February 14
- Spring 2025 (Required): April 14 through May 30

Key features of the Maine Through Year Assessment include the following:

- The assessment is computer adaptive. After a correct answer, a student may see a more
 difficult question. After an incorrect answer, a student may see an easier question. As a
 result, the assessment adapts to the learner and is unique to every student.
- The assessment is designed to be **untimed**. Students should be provided as much time as they need to answer all assessment questions.
- The assessment provides the opportunity for teachers to access and use **immediate**, actionable data to plan instruction. Schools receive assessment data within 72 hours.
- The fall, winter (optional), and spring assessments can be used as one way to measure student growth over time. The spring assessment can be used as one way to measure student performance according to grade-level state standards. To create a more complete understanding of what your student knows and can do, results from the Maine Through Year Assessment should be used alongside additional sources, such as school assessments and classroom learning.
- A variety of student supports and accessibility features are available to students to ensure
 that the assessment experience is as consistent as possible with the student's daily
 instruction. These accessibility features include, but are not limited to, supports and
 accommodations for students with support plans, Individual Language Acquisition Plans, 504
 Plans, and IEPs.

For more information about the Maine Through Year Assessment, please contact your student's teacher or school administrator.