



ASSESSMENT

Assessment Team Monthly Update

April 2024

The administration window for the MSAA continues through April 26.

The administration window for the Maine Through Year Assessment opens on April 22.

Does your SAU have specific technical assistance needs around assessments? If so, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the team or submit a request here:

[SAU Request for Assessment Technical Assistance](#)

Join us for monthly office hours with the Assessment Team

2nd Wednesday of every month, 12-1pm

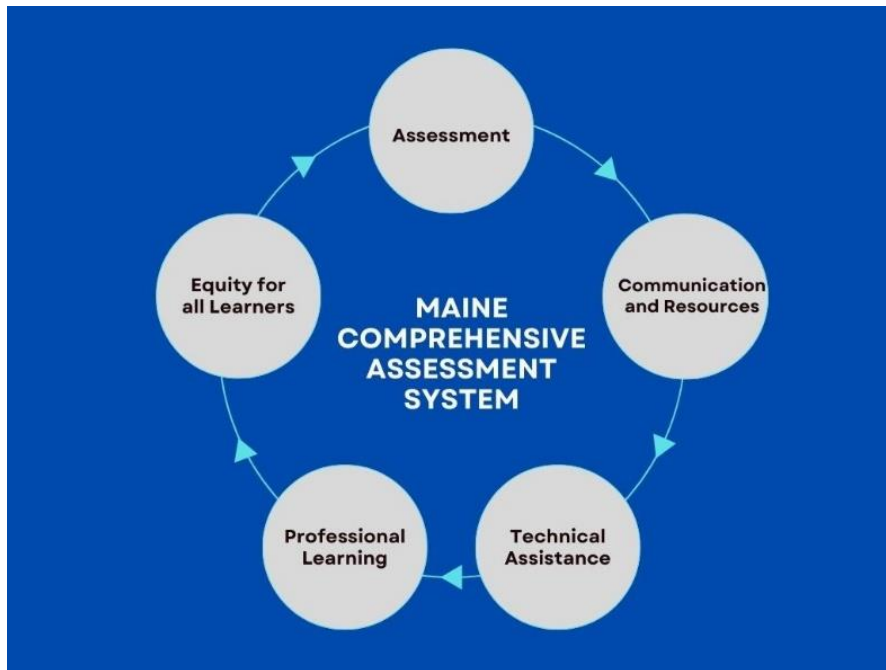
[Register for office hours](#)

General Reminders

- ✓ **Keep student enrollment data up to date!** Enrollment data in Synergy is utilized to populate the NEO, assessment reports, add students to the assessment platforms, etc.
- ✓ **Keep staff data up to date in NEO** – Teams and offices across the Maine DOE utilize the SAU contact information in NEO when sending out targeted information about upcoming events and trainings.
- ✓ **Do you have challenges with Synergy, NEO, or just have a data-related question? The MEDMS Helpdesk is here to help: medms.helpdesk@maine.gov or (207) 624-6896**
Hours:
Mon - Wed: 8am - 4pm
Thursday: 8am - Noon
Friday: 8am - 4pm

Current & Upcoming Maine Educational Assessments SY 23-24

Assessment	Dates	Content Area	Participants	
Maine Through Year Assessment (general)	Spring: 4/22/24 – 5/31/24	Reading and mathematics	Students in grades 3-8 and 2 nd year of high school	
Multi-State Alternate Assessment - MSAA (alternate)	3/11/24 – 4/26/24		R/LA and mathematics	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-8 and 3 rd year of HS
MSAA Science (alternate)			Science	Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in grades 5, 8 and 3 rd year of HS
Maine Science (general)	5/13/24 - 5/24/24	Science	Students in grades 5, 8 and 3 rd year of HS	



General Assessments (Maine Through Year & Maine Science)

Assessment Coordinator: Krista Averill

Contact Krista at Krista.Averill@maine.gov or 207-215-6528.

Preparing Proctors

Assessment Security Training

Proctors of the Maine Through Year and Maine Science Assessments are required to watch two assessment security trainings once per academic year. Any new proctors who have not yet watched the following two videos will need to before administration:

- [Assessment Security Overview Training Webisode](#) (5 minutes)
- [Assessment Irregularities! What Now? Security Training Webisode](#) (3 minutes)

MEA Assessment Security & Data Privacy Agreement

Proctors of the Maine Through Year and Maine Science Assessments are required to sign the MEA Assessment Security & Data Privacy Agreement once per academic year. The agreement is found in Appendix E (page 30) of the [Assessment Security Handbook](#). Any new proctors will need to sign the agreement before administration.

Maine Through Year Assessment Proctor Training Video

Proctors of the Maine Through Year Assessment are required to watch the [Maine Through Year Assessment Proctor Training Video](#) (9 minutes) once per academic year. Any new proctors who have not yet watched the video will need to prior to administration of the assessment.

Maine Science Assessment Proctor Training Video

Proctors of the Maine Through Year Assessment are required to watch the [Maine Science Assessment Proctor Training Video](#) (9 Minutes).

New Text-to-Speech Guidance for the General Assessments

[Supplemental guidance for the assignment of text-to-speech](#) has been developed.

Updating a Student's Chosen Name in the Assessment Platforms

A student's name can be updated in the assessment platforms so that their chosen name appears on their test tickets, within the proctoring platform, and in reports.

Maine Through Year Assessment

Email Krista Averill, at Krista.Averill@maine.gov, the student's SSID and the name that you would like to appear in Acacia. Changing the student's name in Acacia can only be completed by designated members of the Maine DOE Assessment Team.

Maine Science Assessment

The School or District Assessment Coordinator can independently update the student's chosen name in ADAM as part of the Preferred Name field. Please read this [article](#) for more information.

[NWEA Maine Through Year Assessment](#)

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Krista Averill

Contact Krista at Krista.Averill@maine.gov or 207-215-6528.

Spring 2024 Pre-Administration: Acacia is open!

The Spring 2024 Through Year Assessment administration window is April 22 through May 31. Starting on April 1, SAUs can create groups and assign accommodations/supports in Acacia.

Manuals and Guides

The Spring 2024 manuals and guides are on the [NWEA Maine Connection](#) page.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Maine DOE and NWEA have developed several professional learning (PL) opportunities for April and May for the Maine Through Year Assessment. Different PL opportunities have been developed to meet the needs of individuals with varying levels of prior experience and familiarity with the Maine Through Year Assessment. For a complete overview of remaining PL sessions for this spring, [please view this flyer](#).

[Maine Science Assessment](#)

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Krista Averill

Contact Krista at Krista.Averill@maine.gov or 207-215-6528.

Spring 2024 Pre-Administration: ADAM is open!

The Spring 2024 Through Year Assessment administration window is May 13-24. SAUs can now create class groups and assign accommodations/supports in ADAM.

Spring 2024 Trainings

- Rostering & Accessibility: April 4, 3:00-4:30pm ([Registration link](#))
- Proctoring & Accessibility: April 25, 3:00-4:30pm ([Registration link](#))

Manuals and Guides

The [Spring 2024 manuals and guides](#) are on the [Maine Science Support Page](#).

Additional Resources

Practice Tests

Use the browser-based ADAM, <https://adamexam.com/tester/>, and enter the test codes found [here](#).

NEW! Released Items

Released items are test questions that are no longer in use and have been made available to the public. Included in the released items are the answer key, standards alignment, and rubrics for constructed-response questions. Released items can be found on Maine DOE's [Maine Science Assessment](#) webpage under the "Content" drop-down menu.

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) and MSAA Science

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Jodi Bossio-Smith

[Contact Jodi](#)

As of April 1st, there are 15 school days remaining in the MSAA administration window for 2024.

Please reach out to Jodi Bossio-Smith as soon as possible if:

- A student is missing from the MSAA Platform
- A student should not be present in the MSAA Platform due to eligibility for Maine Through Year

❖ **How do I access the platform if I am the school level Test Coordinator (TC) or Test Administrator (TA)?**

Those accounts are being set up by the district TC. The DTC can locate the information about how to create accounts on [p.15 of the TC User Guide](#), and in training module #5 of the **Test Administration Training for Test Coordinators** in the MSAA Platform.

If you are the DTC and do not yet have an account, please [email me as soon as possible](#) with the subject line: *DTC account*.

❖ **Where can I find the updated Test Administration Manual (TAM) and User Guides for this year?**

These resources can be found on the Maine DOE MSAA webpage under “Assessment Training” : [MSAA | Department of Education \(maine.gov\)](#)

❖ **When will the mandatory training modules be available?**

The mandatory training modules for TC and TA are live now in the MSAA Platform. If you are both a TC and TA, you can complete the six TC modules, plus module #5 from the TA series.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: Dr. Regina Lewis

[Contact Regina](#)

Administration window closed March 22, 2024.

The administration window for the National Assessment of Educational Progress closed on March 22, 2024. The majority of the NAEP assessments in Maine were administered with the use of School Wi-Fi. Thank you to all the students and staff that helped to make this administration successful. The use of school Wi-Fi required additional staff and tasks to prepare and administer the assessment. Your contributions and suggestions have been the highlight of this administration. The NAEP 2024 results release will be delayed due to the additional analyses required by the transitional to school Wi-Fi. If you have any questions about the NAEP administration or the upcoming release of the results, please contact Dr. Regina Lewis at regina.lewis@maine.gov or 207-530-1355.

Notable changes for future NAEP administrations:

- The transition to school devices will begin with the 2026 administration of the NAEP assessments. Schools with Windows and/or Chrome based devices will administer the NAEP in a similar as our state assessments.
- The NAEP 2026 Mathematics and Reading assessments have updated frameworks and new items. More details on the updated frameworks will be provided as the transition approaches.

International Assessments

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Dr. Regina Lewis**

[Contact Regina](#)

What's up and coming with the International Assessments:

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) will focus on science in 2025. To provide a more in-depth understanding of how prepared learners are, Oxford University Press and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have collaborated to develop the PISA 2025 Science Framework. The goal is to assist policymakers with understanding the capabilities and progress of 15-year-olds worldwide in science. The Framework has been published on the [OECD website](#).

Calendar Events for 2024 International Assessments

- TALIS Data Collection (Spring)
- PISA Financial Literacy Release of Results (Spring)
- PISA Field Test (Spring)
- PIAAC Release of Results (Winter)
- TIMSS Release of Results (Winter)
- ICILS Release of Results (Winter)

ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Jodi Bossio-Smith**

[Contact Jodi](#)

Upcoming Reporting Dates

4/30/24	ACCESS Reports and Data Files Available- Online in WIDA AMS
5/16/24	ACCESS Reports Available in District- Printed
9/13/24	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Reports and Data Files Available- Online in WIDA AMS
10/2/24	WIDA Alternate ACCESS Reports Available in District-Printed

Any questions or technical assistance needs? Please reach out to [Jodi Bossio-Smith](#), Director of Assessment.