

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS). Each year, students in grade 11 participate in the College Board School Day SAT and NH SAS science assessment. Students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities are eligible to take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Assessment, as designed in their active individualized education program (IEP). Please click on the link below for the 2019 assessment window.

https://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/documents/2018_19_nh_assessment_calendar.pdf

This year, your child will take the following assessments, depending on their grade level:

- NH SAS for English language arts/writing and mathematics in grades 3 through 8
- NH SAS for science in grades 5, 8, and 11
- College Board School Day -SAT English language arts/reading/writing and mathematics grade 11

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1111(b)(2) and New Hampshire law, RSA 193-C:6 requires each school district in the State to implement a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics, reading/language arts and science to be administered in each of grades 3-8 and not less than once during grades 10-12; and in science not less than once during grades 3-5, grades 6-9, and grades 10-12. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(2)(B) require State assessments to be the “same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all public elementary school and secondary school students in the State,” and provide for the participation in such assessments to all students.

State assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college- and career-ready, and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local assessments, state assessment results give teachers and you, the parents, important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. If you choose to exempt your student from the state assessment (permitted in RSA 193-C:6), you must submit a form to the school the student attends. Please contact the appropriate school main office to receive a copy of the exemption form. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your student from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided to you or your student.

The testing times for the NH SAS and School Day SAT are as follows:

Grades 3-8	NH SAS for ELA/Writing/ Mathematics (hours)
English Language Arts/Reading	2:00
English Language Arts/Writing	1:30
Mathematics	2:00
Grades 5, 8, 11	NH SAS for Science (hours)
Science	2:00
Grade 11	NH School Day SAT (hours)
English Language Arts/Reading/Writing*and Mathematics *Essay is required of all test takers in the 2019 school year.	4:40

Student results for the NH SAS (reading/writing, mathematics and science) are generally available within 10 days upon the student completing the test. Paul Smith School and Franklin Middle School will send a student's Individual Score Report home as soon as possible after receiving results.

School Day SAT results will be available to students in early May. Students may retrieve their results through their personal SAT account.

Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the portal at <https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, you may contact Susan Blair at sblair@sau18.org, Kenneth Darsney at kdarsney@sau18.org or Carrie Charette at ccharette@sau18.org; Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him/her to do his/her best during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,

Dan LeGallo, SAU 18
Superintendent