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Dear Parent/Guardian:

State Assessments provide an evaluation, or snapshot, of student performance for both content and skills in various academic areas. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local assessments, state assessment results give teachers and parents important information about where students are on the path toward academic success.

In compliance with both New Hampshire state law RSA 193-C:6 and federal accountability requirements as defined in the Every Student Succeeds Act, all public schools are required to annually assess students using a standardized assessment. The State of New Hampshire utilizes several assessments in order to comply federal and state requirements.

Each year, students in grades 3-8 participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (SAS). Students in grade 11 participate in SAS and the College Board School Day Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Assessment is available for students who meet the state participation eligibility criteria. The ACCESS test of English Language Proficiency is administered to eligible ESOL students.

Depending on his/her grade level, your student will be administered:

- Grades 3-8 (SAS or DLM);
 - English language arts/writing
 - Mathematics
 - Science (Grades 5 and 8)
- Grade 11 (College Board School Day SAT, SAS or DLM)
 - English language arts/reading/writing
 - Mathematics
 - Science

SAS testing dates and times for each school are still being finalized. Within the next two weeks, dates and times for each school will listed in school newsletters and/or posted on school and teacher websites. The testing window for all the assessments spans from March 8, 2021 to June 11, 2021. Parents may access additional information and training tests for SAS by navigating to the New Hampshire portal at <https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.shtml>

When individual student reports are made available to districts by the state, your student's individual SAS Score Report will either be sent home with the report card in June or mailed to you early in July. We are committed to providing this important information to parents/guardians in as timely a manner as possible. School Day SAT results will be available to students in early May and will be accessible in personal student

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SAT accounts. DLM Individual Student Reports are typically released to districts in early July. The Individual Score Report will be sent home to parents shortly after the reports are released.

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, please contact the Principal at your student's school. Should you choose to exempt your student from the state assessment (permitted in RSA 193-C:6), you must submit an exemption form to the principal in the school the student attends. The principal can provide you with the required state exemption form. 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.

Thank you for supporting your student during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,



Brian Barry
Superintendent



MaryClaire Barry
Assistant Superintendent