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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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.

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.

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 their path toward academic success. State assessments provide an evaluation, or snapshot, of student performance for both content and skills in various academic areas.

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

Testing dates and times for each assessment can be found in school newsletters and/or posted on school and teacher websites. The testing window for the assessments spans from March 11, 2019 to June 7, 2019. 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.stm>


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Your student's Individual SAS Score Report will be sent home with report cards in June or mailed to you early in July depending upon the availability of results from the state. School Day SAT results will be available to students in early May and will be accessible in personal student 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 your student's Principal. 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 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 Balke
Superintendent



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Assistant Superintendent