

School Year 2025–2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, New Hampshire public and chartered public schools are required by state (RSA 193-C) and federal (Every Student Succeeds Act) laws to administer standardized assessments. These assessments help evaluate student progress and guide instruction. To learn more, visit the New Hampshire Department of Education’s [Office of Assessment webpage](#).

Schools are working hard to coordinate the administration of the statewide summative assessments to ensure students have access to the assessments in a secure environment. If you have questions about test administration at your school, please contact the principal or school administrator.

Why Assessments Matter

Statewide assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They:

- Measure student mastery of core academic skills
- Help determine readiness for high school graduation and college and career readiness
- Inform classroom instruction and support learning recovery

In addition to classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local formative and summative assessments, statewide summative assessment results provide teachers and parents with valuable insight into students’ progress on their path toward academic success.

Annual Statewide Summative Assessments

Grade Level	Required Assessment	Subjects
Standard Assessment		
3 – 8	New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	English Language Arts, Mathematics
5 and 8	New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	Science
Third Year of High School	New Hampshire SAT School Day with Essay	English Language Arts, Mathematics
	New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	Science
Alternate Assessment		
3 – 8 and Third Year of High School	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) End-of-Year Model	English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
English Language Proficiency Assessment		
K–12	WIDA ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS	Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing

See the full [2025–2026 Assessment Schedule](#)

Student Results

- **NH SAS:** Results are typically available immediately after a student completes the test. Parents can view test results through the [Family Portal](#) using an access code. Please contact your local school to obtain one. Schools may also send individual score reports home upon request before the end of the school year.
 - **Lexile (reading) and Quantile (math) scores** are included in your student’s NH SAS individual score report. These scores help you understand your student’s reading and math levels. Learn more: [Lexile and Quantile information](#).
- **New Hampshire SAT School Day with Essay:** Student scores are released starting mid-April. Students can access their scores with a [College Board account](#).
- **Dynamic Learning Maps:** Families can view score reports through the [Kite® Parent Portal](#) by August 1 each year. Schools may set up an account using your email address or registration code. For access, please contact your student’s teacher or case manager. You can also refer to the [Parent Portal Guide](#) to get started. Schools may also send individual score reports home.
- **ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS:** Results are provided by your student’s teacher or case manager. If you have questions about when to expect test results, please contact your local school.

Practice Resources

- **NH SAS Student Practice Site:** <https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>.
- **SAT Practice Opportunities:** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation>. Students who use the SAT practice tests are eligible for scholarships.
- **DLM Parent Resources:** <https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/dlm-assessments#parents>.
- **ACCESS /Alternate ACCESS Test Practice:** <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/practice>.

Average Testing Times

Grade Level	Summative Assessment	Average Time
Grades 3 – 8	NH SAS ELA/Reading	60 – 75 minutes
	NH SAS ELA/Writing	60 – 75 minutes
	NH SAS Mathematics	60 – 75 minutes
	DLM ELA/Reading	90 – 135 minutes
	DLM Writing	10 – 20 minutes
	DLM Mathematics	60 – 120 minutes
Grades 5, 8, and Third Year of High School	NH SAS Science	60 – 75 minutes
	DLM Science	90 – 140 minutes
Third Year of High School	NH SAT School Day with Essay — ELA and Mathematics	3 ½ hours

If you have any questions about school testing, please reach out to the principal or school administrator.