Assessment Dashboard in QuickSight

The Maine Department of Education's (Maine DOE) new State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) includes a dashboard where SAU leadership can view student data across Maine Educational Assessments. Superintendents already have access to QuickSight and can request access to the assessment data dashboard for District Assessment Coordinators. To request access, please visit: Data Systems Access

For more information about the assessment dashboard, including how to navigate the site and pull reports, please drop in to weekly office hours with the Data Team, Wednesdays from 12 – 1:00 p.m. ET.

Data Warehouse Office Hours

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities with the Assessment Team

Assessment Team Office Hours – 12:00 p.m. ET, 1/7/2026

Maine Through Year Assessment Interim Reports – 12:00 p.m. ET, 1/21/2026 [Register]

To register for office hours and other Maine DOE professional learning sessions, please visit:

Event Calendar | Department of Education

NWEA Maine Through Year Assessment

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Krista Averill**

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

Optional Winter 2026 Administration: Important Dates

January 5 – February 13, 2026: Winter administration window

Note: Special Consideration exemption requests do not need to be submitted for any students for the optional winter Maine Through Year Assessment.

January 30: Last day to submit paper-based assessment form requests, including standard print, large print, and braille via the request form.

February 6 @ 4:00 PM: Last day to request an assessment reset.

February 12 @ 8:00 PM: Last daily change assessment roster file is generated based on student information entered into Synergy. Any student demographic updates made in Synergy after this date/time will not appear in Acacia.
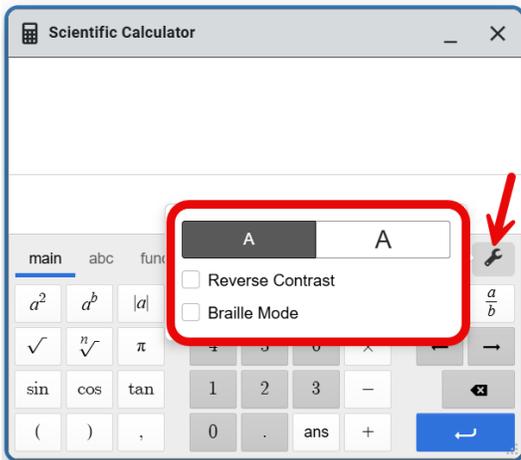
February 23-27: SAU data cleanup

March 18: Last day to run Operational Reports for the winter administration (not including the Student Score Data File)

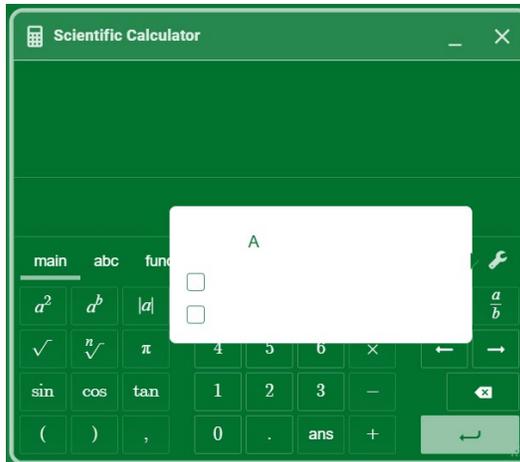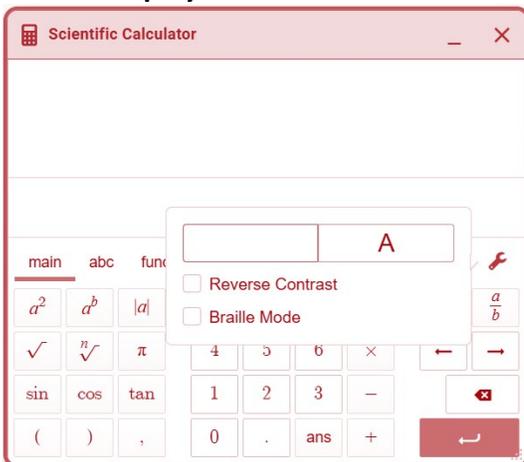**March 25:** Winter 2026 Student Score Data File becomes available

Secure Browser Calculator Display Issue

An issue has been identified in the current version of the State Solutions Secure Browser. Specifically, a display error affects the updated basic, scientific, and graphing calculators. When a non-default color scheme is selected, the calculator settings options may not display correctly, with certain options appearing to be hidden. This issue does not occur when using the default color scheme. Examples illustrating the correct appearance of the calculator settings options, as well as the current issue observed in non-default color schemes, are provided below.

Correct Appearance of Calculator Settings Options in the Default Color Scheme

Error in Display in Alternate Color Schemes

NWEA is actively working on a resolution to this issue. Please note that utilizing the *Reverse Contrast* option in an alternate color scheme is not recommended, as the alternate color scheme itself can be utilized to provide the same visual support.

Professional Learning Session: Maine Through Year Assessment Interim Reports

Topic: Accessing, understanding, and utilizing interim RIT score reports in MAP and Acacia
Date/Time: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 12:00 PM [**Registration Link**]

Requesting Technical Assistance for the Maine Through Year Assessment

SAUs and schools are welcome to request technical assistance for the Maine Through Year Assessment, including but not limited to pre-administration activities in Acacia, building foundational understandings about the assessment structure, interpreting scores, and accessing reports in Acacia and MAP Growth.

Although every effort will be made to accommodate the date/time requested for technical assistance, please be aware that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as mornings before 8:30 AM are not available due to other commitments that cannot be rescheduled. Generally, virtual sessions are easier to accommodate than in-person sessions due to travel time.

Please reach out to Krista Averill, Maine Through Year Assessment Coordinator, at Krista.Averill@maine.gov, to request technical assistance.

Who do I contact for Maine Through Year Assessment support?

NWEA Partner Support (855) 430-1777 techsupport@nwea.org	Maine DOE MEDMS Support Team (207) 624-6896 MEDMS.Support@maine.gov	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov
Provides support for: • Technical issues with the Acacia platform • Technical issues with the State Solutions Secure Browser • Technical issues with the MAP Growth platform, including rostering in MAP • Requesting changes to students' chosen names in the Acacia platform	Provides support for: • Updating student enrollment information in Synergy • Updating staff information in NEO	Provides support for: • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy • Any problems that NWEA Maine Partner Support or the MEDMS Support Team are not able to resolve – If you have a case number (NWEA) or ticket number (MEDMS Support), please provide.

Maine Science Assessment

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Krista Averill**

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

Spring Administration Dates

High School: April 1 – 17, 2026
Grades 5 & 8: May 11 – 22, 2026

New Lockdown Browser Installation for Spring 2026

This spring, the Maine Science Assessment will be transitioning from accessing the ADAM lockdown browser as a standalone app to accessing ADAM via the TestNav secure browser. There will be differences in the secure browser download process and how students launch the browser from their device. Once the student's login information has been entered, however, the navigation remains the same as within the previous ADAM lockdown browser. It is recommended that schools remove the old ADAM lockdown browser application from student devices to prevent students from attempting to access the wrong lockdown browser during the assessment administration.

More information for SAUs on installing TestNav will be available in February.

Requesting Technical Assistance for the Maine Science Assessment

SAUs and schools are welcome to request technical assistance for the Maine Science Assessment, including but not limited to building foundational understandings about the three-dimensional nature of the assessment, interpreting scores, and accessing reports in the Kite Reporting Platform. As the spring administration window approaches, available technical assistance will also include pre-administration activities in the ADAM platform.

Although every effort will be made to accommodate the date/time requested for technical assistance, please be aware that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as mornings before 8:30 AM are not available due to other commitments that cannot be rescheduled. Generally, virtual sessions are easier to accommodate than in-person sessions due to travel time.

Please reach out to Krista Averill, Maine Science Assessment Coordinator, at Krista.Averill@maine.gov, to request technical assistance.

Who do I contact for Maine Science Assessment support?

Kite Support Desk (855) 277-9752 Kite-support@ku.edu	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 215-6528 Krista.Averill@maine.gov	Maine Science Support https://mescience.zendesk.com/hc/en-us
Provides support for: • Accessing reports • DACs creating user accounts for other staff within their SAU	Provides support for: • Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy • Creating user accounts for DACs in Kite	*Manuals, guides, and training modules are being updated on a rolling basis for the spring 2026 administration.*

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) and MSAA Science

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Mechelle Ganglfinger**
Contact Mechelle at: Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov or (207) 242-4244

2025-26 MSAA Test Administration Important Dates	
1/5/2026 – 1/30/2026	Special Education Directors complete Alternate Assessment Test Coordinator Survey
2/17/2026 – 4/24/2026	MSAA Platform open, TC and TA training modules available
3/9/2026 - 4/24/2026	MSAA Administration Window

Helpful Website Links

Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) | Department of Education: The Maine DOE MSAA webpage includes information related to preparing for the assessment, assessment training and security, technical assistance, and assessment reports.

[1% and Maine's Alternate Assessments Based on Alternate Academic Achievement Standards (AA-AAAS):](#) The Maine DOE 1% webpage holds a wealth of information related to the alternate assessment with links to a variety of resources and topics related to Maine's alternate assessment.

Maine DOE Webinars

1/21/2026 - MSAA Training for Alternate Assessment Test Coordinators 3:15-4:15 p.m. ET

2/4/2026 - MSAA Training for Alternate Assessment Test Administrators 3:15-4:15 p.m. ET

For additional information on these and other Maine DOE professional learning opportunities visit: [Maine Department of Education Events Calendar](#)

Requesting Technical Assistance for the MSAA & MSAA Science

SAUs and schools are welcome to request technical assistance for Maine's alternate assessments based on alternate academic achievement standards, the MSAA and MSAA Science, including but not limited to building foundational understandings about alternate academic achievement standards, interpreting scores, and accessing reports within the MSAA Platform. As the spring administration window approaches, available technical assistance will also include pre-administration activities within the MSAA platform for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators.

Although every effort will be made to accommodate the date/time requested for technical assistance, please be aware that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as mornings before 8:30 AM are not available due to other commitments that cannot be rescheduled. Generally, virtual sessions are easier to accommodate than in-person sessions due to travel time.

Please reach out to Mechelle Ganglfinger, Alternate and English Language Proficiency Assessments Coordinator, to request technical assistance: Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov.

Who do I contact for Multi-State Alternate Assessment support?

MSAA Service Desk (866) 834 8879 MSAAServiceCenter@cognia.org	Maine DOE Assessment Team (207) 242-4244 Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov
Provides support for: - Account access - Accessing district, school, classroom, and student reports	Provides support for: - MSAA professional learning - Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy

NAEP 2026

The **NAEP 2026 administration window is January 26, 2026 – March 20, 2026. Scheduled assessment dates are now available in the NAEP Assessment Management System (AMS).**

The scheduled assessment date for NAEP 2026 is located in the banner on the top of the school page in the NAEP AMS. Schools needing to reschedule the scheduled assessment date should reach out to Dr. Regina Lewis at regina.lewis@maine.gov as soon as possible. If there are no conflicts, please add the date to the school and SAU calendar. For weather delays and closures, please reach out to the NAEP Field Representatives directly. Their contact information is located on the school page in the NAEP AMS.

**Priority activities for January. *Principals and/or school coordinators should confirm access to the NAEP AMS and complete the following:*

- *Schedule Assessment Planning Meeting with NAEP Field Representatives*
- *Verify whether the students will be assessed using NAEP or school devices*
- *Complete the following Pre-Assessment Activities*
    - *Assessment Planning Meeting date tile*
    - *Provide Student Information: Student Demographics*
        - *May require updates after Add New Students*
    - *Provide Student Information: SD and EL Students*
        - *Indicate appropriate accommodations for students*
        - *Refer to the NAEP Inclusion and Accommodation Policies in the AMS or on the Maine DOE Assessment Team National & International Assessment webpage.*
    - *Add New Students – provide demographics and accommodations for any newly selected students (mid January)*
    - *Assessment and/or Technical Logistics – including assessment day details*
    - *Notify Parents/Guardians – please use the version posted on the Maine DOE Assessment Team National & International Assessment webpage. Scroll down to National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) dropdown*
    - *Manage Questionnaires - Identify respondents and provide contact information for the school and teacher questionnaires.*

Upcoming NAEP activities:

NAEP representatives will continue to schedule and conduct Assessment Planning Meetings with principals and school coordinators.

- NAEP administration will begin on January 26, 2026. Field representatives may be delayed in responding to requests for assistance on the days they are administering assessments.
- The NAEP representative can provide guidance on completion of the NAEP Pre-assessment tasks.
- Dr Regina Lewis, Coordinator of NAEP & International Assessments is available to provide information, answer any questions, or assist with the rescheduling of the NAEP administration
- Please keep the contact information for the NAEP Field Representative in a place that is easy to locate for weather delays or closures.
- Dr. Lewis, may accompany the NAEP Field Representatives on the date of the assessment to conduct observations of assessment administration.

For schools with students participating on school managed devices

The NAEP Application is currently available for installation. The NAEP application installer can be a district level (SAU level) person, but the person must be identified/listed for each school in the SAU for which the app is to be installed by that individual. School Technology Coordinators, and in some cases, SAU Technology Directors have been assigned to this role when no staff person has been designated to install the NAEP application on student devices.

NAEP 2026 School Technology Resources
- [NAEP 2026 School Device Technical Requirements](#)
- NAEP 2026 [eNAEP Download Center for NAEP APP](#)

As a reminder, the NAEP 2026 Mathematics and Reading assessments have updated frameworks and new items. Additional new items will be administered via pilot assessments during the 2026 assessment window. **For NAEP 2026 the assessment will be administered using school Wi-Fi when the assessment is administered on school devices**. When NAEP devices are used the assessments will be administered using a NAEP Private Network.

Notable changes for future NAEP administration windows:
- The transition to school devices will include MacOS and iOS devices with the 2028 administration of the NAEP Mathematics and Reading Assessments.
- NAEP will begin the transition to a multi-stage adaptive assessment. Additional information is forthcoming.
- The NAEP 2028 Science assessment will be based on the updated NAEP 2028 Science Framework.

NAEP Resources:

Translations of parent notification letters are available on Maine DOE [National & International Assessment webpage](#).

Experience Elements of NAEP
- [NAEP Assessment Tutorials](#)
- [Take NAEP Now Quiz](#)
- [NAEP Survey Questionnaires](#)

2026 Inclusion Policies
- [Maine Students with Disabilities Inclusion Policy Operational](#)

- [Maine English Learners Inclusion Policy Operational](#)

For more detailed information, contextual information collected from the NAEP Questionnaires, or a peak at student performance by assessment subscales, please visit the [NAEP Data Explorer](#). To view items from student assessments or the [NAEP Questionnaires](#) please visit the [NAEP Questions Tool](#), [NAEP Item Maps](#), or the [NAEP Survey Questionnaire webpage](#).

Who do I contact for support related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress?

NAEP Field Representative *Contact using information provided in NAEP AMS and via Email*	Regina Lewis **Maine DOE NAEP Coordinator** (207) 530-1355 regina.lewis@maine.gov	NAEP AMS or eNAEP Helpdesk (800) 283-6237 naephelp@westat.com
Provides support for: • School Delay or closing • Need to reschedule • Change in Assessment Logistics	Provides support for: • AMS account creation • ***Assessment date change requests*** • Acquiring AMS access for additional staff • Questions related to assessment accessibility, exclusion, and refusals • Policy related questions • Any problems that NAEP Field Representative and NAEP Helpdesk are unable to answer	Provides support for: Technical issues with AMS Password recovery not working Unable to select or manage tiles Student name changes eNAEP Download Center

WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS & WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten

Maine DOE Assessment Coordinator: **Mechelle Ganglfinger**
Contact Mechelle at: Mechelle.ganglfinger@maine.gov or (207) 242-4244

2025-2026 WIDA ACCESS, WIDA Alternate ACCESS, & WIDA ACCESS for Kindergarten Important Dates	
11/20/2025 - 2/27/2026	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Registrations
12/11/2025 - 2/20/2026	Additional Test Material Ordering Window in WIDA AMS
1/5/2026 - 2/27/2026	WIDA ACCESS Administration Window in Maine
3/10/2026	Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC -Postmark date

For additional information pertaining to Maine specific WIDA information please visit: WIDA Maine State Page

WIDA Secure Portal Trainings

1/20/2026 - Returning WIDA ACCESS Materials 2-3 p.m. ET

1/22/2026 - Monitoring WIDA ACCESS Completion for Test Coordinators 2-3 p.m. ET

WIDA Secure Portal login: Access WIDA Webinars via the Webinars page in the WIDA Secure Portal. Login information required.

Adding Student Accommodations through Test Management

To add accommodations through Test Management, you must have "Registration-Add/Edit," "Registration-Search/View," "Registration-Edit Accommodations" and "Test Setup-Primary Window" permissions in WIDA AMS. These permissions are included in the District and School default permission sets.

To view or edit a student's accommodations, complete the following steps:

1. Click **Test Management** from the WIDA AMS My Applications menu bar.
2. Confirm or enter your site criteria in the upper right corner. **Click Save**.
3. Confirm or enter your Registration Window.
4. Select the **Registered Students** tab and search for the student by name or state student ID. Any student with related search criteria will automatically filter on the screen with his or her current registrations.
5. Click the vertical ellipsis icon under the ACTION column for the student and the domain to be edited.
6. Select **Manage Accommodations** from the options provided.
7. In the Accommodations window select the checkboxes for the applicable accommodations pertaining to that domain.

Note: Not all accommodations apply to all domains, so the accommodations available to select will vary depending on the domain.

1. Click **Save** to save your changes (or click **Cancel** to cancel them.)

Special Request Forms

This year, WIDA will begin providing student reports for participants in Less Than Four Domains (LT4D). For students who qualify for participation and reporting of LT4Ds due to a documented exceptionality, a LT4D request must be submitted by the SAU. The instructions and request can be found here: Maine DOE English Language Proficiency Assessments. Requests must be submitted between 11/20/25 - 2/20/2026.

Who do I contact for support related to the WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Alternate ACCESS?

Maine DOE Assessment Team	Data Recognition Corps	WIDA Client Services Center
(207) 242-4244 Mechelle.Ganglfinger@maine.gov	(855) 787-9615 WIDA@datarecognitioncorp.com	(866) 276-7735 help@wida.wisc.edu
Provides support for: - Maine English language proficiency assessment professional learning - Questions related to assessment content, accessibility, scoring, reporting, and policy	Provides support for: - WIDA AMS accounts - Additional test materials - Student transfer requests - Test tickets and tiers - Accessing reports	Provides support for: - WIDA Secure Portal accounts - WIDA Screener and WIDA ACCESS - Training and certification - Content of score reports - Standards and Can-Do Descriptors