

March 5, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the upcoming weeks, the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) assessment for English Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics, and Science, as well as the College Board School Day SAT will be administered to students statewide. The NH SAS is a measure of the New Hampshire College and Career Readiness Standards adopted by the state of NH in 2010. NH SAS replaces Smarter Balanced (SBAC) and the NECAP assessments.

This computer-adaptive, untimed assessment for English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics will be administered to students in grades 3-8, and in grades 5, 8, and 11 for Science. Assessments will be administered between March 13th and June 9th, 2018. A schedule will be provided to you by your child's school.

The College Board School Day SAT for grade 11 students will take place on March 21, 2018.

All States that receive federal funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are required by federal law to implement a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics and reading/language arts administered in each of grades 3 through 8 and not less than once during grades 10 through 12; and in science not less than once during grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 9, and grades 10 through 12. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(3)(C)(i) and (ix)(I) require State assessments to 'be the same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all children' and 'provide for the participation in such assessments of 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 a tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school 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 important information about where students are on their path toward academic success.

We look forward to providing a positive testing environment. Please make a special effort to ensure that your child comes to school fully rested and with a hearty breakfast. Sending in healthy snacks for breaks is also suggested. Parents and students can access additional information and sample practice tests at <http://nh.portal.airast.org>.

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The following general guidelines reflect testing times for the NH SAS and School Day SAT:

Grades 3-8	NH SAS for ELA/Writing/ Mathematics (hours)
English Language Arts/Reading	2
English Language Arts/Writing	1.5
Mathematics	2
Grades 5, 8, 11	NH SAS for Science (hours)
Science	2
Grade 11	NH School Day SAT (hours)
ERW/Mathematics	3

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, you may contact your child's school or contact me directly. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,



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