

## David R. Cawley Middle School

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### New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System

May 3, 2021

Dear Parents,,

Each year, New Hampshire public schools are required by state law (RSA 193-C) and federal accountability laws (Every Student Succeeds Act) to assess students using a standardized assessment. This year, the U.S. Department of Education is requiring states to administer the state summative assessments. Statewide assessments are an important part of a student's core educational program. They provide:

- An evaluation of student master of content and skills in various academic areas
- Serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college- and career-ready
- Help inform future instruction in the classroom

Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local formative and summative assessments, statewide summative assessment results provide teachers and parents with important information about where students are on their path toward academic success.

#### **Testing for students in grades six through eight will begin May 18, 2021 and end on May 20, 2021.**

New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System testing times average 2 hours and 15 minutes for the reading and mathematics portions and two hours for science and writing. Below are the required assessments for each grade level.

Assessment	Content	Grades
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	English Language Arts, Mathematics	6, 7, 8
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	Science	8

#### **Exemption**

Parents are allowed to exempt their child from participation in the statewide assessments (permitted in RSA 193-C:6). If you choose to exempt your student from the state assessment, you must submit an exemption form to David R. Cawley Middle School. Please contact Brad Largy, Assistant Principal, to receive a copy of the exemption form. Please understand that 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 for your child.

#### **Results**

Student results for the NH SAS are generally available immediately upon the student completing the test. Individual Score Report (ISR) will be sent home once all testing is complete.

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### Practice Tests

Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS at: <https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.shtml>. For more details about the statewide assessments please visit the Office of Assessment Website or contact [Melissa.White@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Melissa.White@doe.nh.gov).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him/her to do his/her best during this assessment administration. If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, please contact the school at (603) 518-5047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Benson".

Matthew Benson  
Principal

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