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**Matthew Benson, Principal**
Karin Rogers, Assistant Principal**Lea Maguire, School Counselor**
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

April 20, 2022

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

- An evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in core 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. They also provide information on how to best support learning recovery. Testing for students in grades six through eight will begin on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Below are the required assessments.

Assessment	Content	Grades	Average Testing Time
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	English Language Arts - Reading	6, 7, 8	2 hours, 15 minutes
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	English Language Arts - Writing	6, 7, 8	2 hours
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	Mathematics	6, 7, 8	2 hours, 15 minutes
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	Science	8	2 hours
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	Alternative Assessment	6-8	10 - 140 minutes per subject

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. If you prefer to see the results once your child has completed the NH SAS, please contact your child's teacher.

Practice Tests

Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the NHSAS assessment portal at: <https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>.

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 child from the state assessment, you must submit an exemption form to Hooksett Memorial School. Please contact Karin Rogers, Assistant Principal at kr Rogers@sau15.net to receive a copy of the exemption form. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your child from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided for your child. This non-participation will result in a zero for participation in federal accountability for the school/district.

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Thank you for supporting your child 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.

“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.”

Sincerely,

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

Matthew Benson
Principal