

April 16, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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.

Assessment	Content	Grade(s)	Dates
NH Statewide Assessment System	Writing	6, 7, 8	March 6-7, 2024
NH Statewide Assessment System	Science	8 (ONLY)	May 8-9, 2024
NH Statewide Assessment System	Mathematics	6, 7, 8	May 29-30, 2024
NH Statewide Assessment System	Reading	6, 7, 8	May 21-22, 2024
Dynamic Learning Maps	Alternative	6, 7, 8	March-May 2024

This year only, the NH SAS Writing portion must be completed between March 4-15, 2024. All writing assessments will be hand-scored.

Student results for the NH SAS are generally available immediately upon the student completing the test. Parents are now able to view NH SAS student results through the [Family Portal](#) with an access code. *All access codes will be sent home prior to completion of spring testing.* Upon request, the school can send a student's Individual Score Report (ISR) home before the end of the school year.

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 Cawley Middle School. Please contact Karin Rogers, Assistant Principal at krogers@sau15.net to receive a copy of the exemption form. If you've already completed this form this year, you do not need to do it again. 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.