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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, state law (RSA 193-C) and federal accountability laws (Every Student Succeeds Act) require New Hampshire public schools to assess students using a standardized assessment. We utilize several assessments to comply with these requirements. Please visit the [Office of Academics and Assessment](#) for more details about our statewide assessments.

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 support learning recovery best.

Below are the required assessments for public school students:

| Assessment | Grades | Content |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) | 3rd-8th | English Language Arts, Mathematics |
| NH SAS | 5th, 8th, and 11th | Science |

Let's work together to make the testing a successful and positive experience. Some things that you can do to support your child at home include:

- As always, ensure that your child gets a good night's rest the night before any testing.
- Encourage your child to do their best work.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast before arriving at school, or bring them to school early enough to have a nutritious breakfast.
- Make sure your child is on time for school.

This year, the NH Department of Education is adjusting the **Writing** portion of the NHSAS, precipitating the need to hand-score student assessments. As a result, all students in grades 3-8 will take the Writing portion of the NH SAS assessment between **March 4-15, 2024**. See the **grades 3-5** testing schedule below. Students will complete the Reading and Math assessments in April; please see upcoming newsletters for more information about testing days.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024: 4th Grade NAEP Testing
Wednesday, March 6, 2024: 5th Grade NHSAS Writing
Thursday, March 7, 2024: 3rd Grade NHSAS Writing

Friday, March 8, 2024: NHSAS Make-up Day
Tuesday, March 12, 2024: 4th Grade NHSAS Writing
Wednesday, March 13, 2024: NHSAS Make-Up Day

Sincerely,
Bridgette