



REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RSU #19 receives federal funds for education programs that are part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended (2015). This law requires that all states adopt challenging academic standards and tests based on those standards. There must be at least three levels of scores for students who take these tests. This includes tests in mathematics, reading or language arts, science, and any other subject chosen by the state. States are required to develop English language proficiency tests for students who are English learners. Proficiency in a language is a measure of a person's ability to understand and communicate in that language or in a person's preferred mode of communication.

This school year, the Maine Department of Education changed the state tests given to students in grades 3-8 and third year high school. The current state assessment is NWEA. The new science assessment for grades 5,8 and third year high school is New Meridian Science Assessment. These assessments were administered in the spring of this school year.

The Maine Department of Education has created an ESSA Dashboard to provide information about the state assessment that is accessible to all stakeholders. The following directions will assist parents and guardians in accessing the ESSA Dashboard:

1. Go to the district website - www.rsu19.org
2. Click on the menu at the top of the district webpage
3. Click on the ESEA Report Card
4. Click on the ESSA Link
5. Click on the ESSA Dashboard

6. Across the top of the dashboard, select the year and type of report you would like to view.
7. Click on the heading select name, in the dropdown, select RSU 19.

You can click on any icon on the grid to access data the MDOE has provided.

Parents and schools are partners in the education of our students. We appreciate your ongoing support with this partnership.

Sincerely,

Lori Merrow

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, RSU 19