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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year the Rochester School District is required to administer the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) for all students in grades 3-8 in reading, writing, and mathematics. Additionally, the District is required to administer the NH SAS science assessment for students in grades 5 and 8. Test date schedules for in-person learners will be developed and posted by individual schools.

Please reference the following table for estimated assessment times:

Content Area	Grades	Testing Time
English Language Arts: Reading	Grades 3-8	2 hours, 15 minutes
English Language Arts: Writing	Grades 3-8	2 hours
Mathematics	Grades 3-8	2 hours, 15 minutes
Science	Grades 5 and 8	2 hours

New Hampshire state law permits you to exempt your child from any *required statewide assessments*. If you would like to request an exemption for your child please complete the opt-out form found at the following link: [NH SAS Opt Out for](#). **A separate form is required for each student.** An alternative assignment will be provided for your child to complete while other students are taking the assessment.

If you have any further questions or concerns please reach out to the Rochester School District Office. In

Yours truly,

Sandie MacDonald
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