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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. We utilize several assessments to comply with these requirements.

Schools are working hard to coordinate the administration of the statewide assessments to ensure students have access to the assessments in a safe environment. If you have questions about test administration at your school, please contact the school principal/administrator.

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 area
- 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.

Practice Tests

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

This year, your child will take the following assessments, depending on grade level:

- N.H. S.A.S. for English Language Arts/Writing and Mathematics in grade 6 through 8
- N.H. S.A.S. for Science in grade 8 only

The testing times and dates for the N.H. S.A.S. are as follows:

NH SAS	Grades 6-8 7:45-9:45 AM
Science (Grade 8 Only)	April 18
English Language Arts/Reading	May 16, 17
English Language Arts/Writing	May 18
Mathematics	May 23, 24

Exemption

Parents are allowed to exempt their child from participation in the statewide assessments (permitted in RSA 193-C:6). Parents must complete and submit an exemption form that is provided by the school or district. Please contact the local school 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.

Results

Students results for the N.H. S.A.S. will be sent home prior to the end of the school year. They can be accessed on Family Portal, https://nh-familyportal.cambiumast.com.

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