

Inter-Lakes Elementary School

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Dear Inter-Lakes Elementary School Families,

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 in order to comply with these requirements. The U.S. Department of Education is requiring states to administer the state summative assessments this year. For more details about our statewide assessments please visit the Office of Assessment Website or contact Melissa.White@doe.nh.gov.

During the month of May, learners in grades 3-6 will be administered the New Hampshire Statewide Assessments (NHSAS). <u>NH SAS Testing Schedule Link</u>

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 various academic areas
- Helps to drive teacher instruction within 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.

Assessment	Grades	Content
NH Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)	3rd-6th	English Language Arts, Mathematics
NH SAS	5th	Science
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	3rd-6th	Alternate Assessment

Below are the required assessments for public and charter school students:

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. Please contact the school to receive a copy of the exemption form, fill it out, and return it to the school. 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.

Student results for the NH SAS (reading/writing, mathematics and science) are generally available within 10 days upon the student completing the test. We will send your child's

Individual Score Report home as soon as possible after receiving results, which may not be until the end of the school year.

As with all assessments, scores are only as meaningful as the effort learners put into the tests. Please encourage your child to take the tests seriously and to give his or her best effort. You can best support your child by making sure that she or he is well-rested on our testing days. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the testing period.

Training Tests

You may access training tests for the NH SAS within your own home by going to the portal at: <u>https://login11.cloud1.tds.cambiumast.com/student/V577/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=NewHamp shire_PT.</u>

ILES is working hard to coordinate the administration of the statewide assessments. If you have any questions related to this assessment or its administration, you may contact Kate Clark, Ashley Shuffleton or myself at 279-7968 or <u>kate.clark@interlakes.org</u>, <u>ashley.shuffleton@interlakes.org</u>, or <u>michael.bryant@interlakes.org</u>.

Thank you for supporting your child(ren) and encouraging him/her to do their best during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Bryant

Michael A. Bryant, Principal