Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School State Testing Results October 7, 2026

The Smarter Balanced Assessment

- Assesses student performance on the Connecticut Core Standards in English Language Arts and Math
- Administered in May

ELA SBA % at or ABOVE GOAL

% at or ABOVE GOAL		% at 3 or 4 2022-23	% at 3 or 4 2023-24	% at 3 or 4 2024-25	% at 3 or 4 2025-26
	5	77%	68%	74%	89%
	6	80%	69%	61%	71%
	7	65%	72%	74%	61%
	8	64%	78%	85%	75%

ELA SBA % at or ABOVE GOAL RANKINGS

% at or ABOVE GOAL RANKING		% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2022-23	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2023-24	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2024-25	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2025-26
	5	21st	47th	14th	3rd
	6	6th	41st	60th	37th
	7	51st	23rd	23rd	68th
	8	49th	11th	3rd	21st

ELA SBA SCALE SCORE AND RANKINGS

SCALE SCORE/RANKING		2022-23 Scale Score/ Ranking	2023-24 Scale Score/ Ranking	2024-25 Scale Score/ Ranking	2025-26 Scale Score/ Ranking
	5	2561 25th	2549 38th	2562 25th	2582 10th
	6	2589 10th	2568 43rd	2554 62nd	2572 42nd
	7	2598 25th	2603 20th	2605 21st	2567 69th
	8	2597 46th	2623 18th	2630 13th	2619 26th

MATH SBA % at or ABOVE GOAL

% at or ABOVE GOAL		% at 3 or 4 2022-23	% at 3 or 4 2023-24	% at 3 or 4 2024-25	% at 3 or 4 2025-26
	5	72%	63%	74%	77%
	6	74%	64%	44%	64%
	7	80%	86%	83%	62%
	8	64%	84%	91%	77%

MATH SBA % at or ABOVE GOAL AND RANKINGS

% at or ABOVE GOAL RANKING		% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2022-23	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2023-24	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2024-25	% at 3 or 4 Ranking 2025-26
	5	21st	34th	14th	12th
	6	13th	40th	84th	44th
	7	5th	1st	8th	40th
	8	25th	2nd	1st	10th

MATH SBA SCALE SCORE AND RANKINGS

SCALE SCORE/RANKING		2022-23 Scale Score/ Ranking	2023-24 Scale Score/ Ranking	2024-25 Scale Score/ Ranking	2025-26 Scale Score/ Ranking
	5	2588 30th	2644 34th	2567 19th	2579 10th
	6	2593 16th	2579 41st	2538 84th	2579 43rd
	7	2632 5th	2636 5th	2630 13th	2588 46th
	8	2621 22nd	2669 3rd	2661 6th	2641 16th

The Next Generation Science Standards Summative Assessment

- Assesses how well students can apply scientific learning to make sense of novel phenomena
- Administered in May

NGSS Assessment % at or ABOVE GOAL AND RANKING

Grade 8	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
% Score at or Above Goal	77%	92%	92%	85%
% Ranking at or Above Goal	7th Place	1st Place	1st Place	4th place

Multiple Data Points

- i-Ready
- Benchmark Assessments
- Curriculum-Based Assessments that assess course content & skills
- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)

- This data is utilized to drive classroom instruction and to identify students who require intervention and enrichment

- Intervention programs include:
  - Literacy Lab
  - Math Lab
  - Academic Lab

- Enrichment opportunities include:
  - Acc. Math
  - GAT/E
  - MATHCOUNTS
  - Invention Convention
  - National History Day

Conclusions

- Clear areas of strength in our scores, especially in grades 5 and 8
- Grade 6, which includes the transition into middle school, represents a clear area for attention
- Grade 7 math provides strong evidence that scores can rebound; targeted instructional changes can have a meaningful impact on performance
- Relatively small cohorts and single-year percentages can produce significant year-to-year swings

Next Steps

- Maintain an ongoing focus on literacy to increase volume and stamina of readers
- Use our Teaching and Learning meetings to strengthen data-driven instructional practices using SBAC and other assessment results
    - Assess student performance – identify key areas of need – plan an instructional response – evaluate effectiveness

Questions?