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MAST Summative Score Reports: 2025–2026 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the 2025–2026 school year, Montana students in grades 3–8 participated in the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This statewide assessment measures student progress toward Montana's content standards, which establish expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

Unlike a single end-of-year test, MAST is administered throughout the school year in smaller sections called *testlets*. Results from these testlets are combined to create a summative scale score and achievement level.

Receiving Your Child's Score Report

- **Grades 3–6:** Your child's 2025–2026 MAST Summative Score Report will be provided during parent-teacher conferences. If you are unable to attend, the report will be sent home with your child.
- **Grades 7–8:** Your child's report will be sent home with your child.

Understanding Your Child's Results

Your child's Through-Year Student Score Report includes:

- **Overall Scale Score (250–400):** Summarizes your child's performance for the school year.
- **Achievement Level:** Describes how your child performed relative to grade-level expectations.
- **Testlet Results:** Provide information about strengths and areas where additional support may be helpful.
- **ELA Results:** Include additional information about reading comprehension (literary and informational texts) and the writing performance task.

Achievement Levels

- **Advanced:** Exceeded grade-level expectations and demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary for success in future coursework.
- **Proficient:** Met grade-level expectations and demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary for success in future coursework.
- **Partially Proficient:** Partially met grade-level expectations and needs additional support to develop the knowledge and skills required for future coursework.
- **Novice:** Did not meet grade-level expectations and needs considerable support to develop the knowledge and skills required for future coursework.

Additional Resources for Families

Families can access individual MAST testlet results through the [Kite Parent Portal](#). Additional information, including instructions for accessing reports and resources for understanding scores, is available on the [Hellgate Assessment webpage](#).

Please remember that no single assessment captures everything your child knows and can do. MAST results should be considered alongside classroom performance, grades, and other local assessments to provide a more complete picture of your child's learning and progress.

If you have questions about your child's results, please contact your child's teacher or our school.

Sincerely,

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