

STEARNS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Maine Through Year Assessment includes required assessments in Mathematics and Reading. It provides scores as a measure of student growth throughout the year and, at the end of the year, provides performance scores based on the state standards. Students in grades 3-8 and second year of high school will participate in the Maine Through Year Assessment. The first required administration of the Maine Through Year Assessment is in the fall with a test window of October 2, 2023 - October 27, 2023.

During the first few weeks of October, students in grades 6-8 and grade 10 will be testing during various periods throughout the day. We are also hoping to test the 9th, 11th and 12th grade students.

The assessment provides the opportunity for teachers to access and use immediate, actionable data to plan instruction. Starting in fall 2023, teachers will receive assessment data within 24 to 48 hours.

The fall, winter, and spring assessments can be used as one way to measure student growth over time. The spring assessment can be used as one way to measure student performance according to grade-level state standards. To create a more complete understanding of what your student knows and can do, results from the Maine Through Year Assessment should be used alongside additional sources, such as school assessments and classroom learning.

These assessments provide valuable data to drive instruction and we hope that you will encourage your child to do their best. Plenty of rest and a good breakfast help students to focus.


The Maine Department of Education (DOE) has identified Stearns Junior-Senior High School as a Tier II school. This identification is created from three main factors:

1. Attendance
2. State Testing
3. Graduation Rate

This identification also adversely affects our district funding. Accurate testing data from all students will provide us with a clear understanding of what students have learned and need to learn.

This test is required and if there is a rare circumstance in which you feel your child is unable to test, please call the school and make an appointment to meet with administration. **A phone call or written note will not be accepted.**

Sincerely,



Beth Peavey