

HELEN S. DUNN SCHOOL



Dear Families,

Re: ESEA Dashboard

In addition to the wide range of assessments used in the classroom to assess students' level of understanding and mastery of skills, all students at the Helen S. Dunn School also participate annually in state standardized testing in the fall, winter, and spring so we can measure teaching and learning at our school compared to national levels.

The State of Maine also encourages participation in standardized testing, and while we encourage our students to do their best and participate in state testing, parents have the right to opt their students out of state testing. If you deem that choice in your child's best interest, please contact the school in writing about your desire to opt out.

Each year, the Maine Department of Education issues a report for each school and district based on their state assessment, chronic absenteeism, and other indicators of student success. Information about teacher qualifications is in the report, and state law requires that this information is shared with the public annually. This report card can be viewed on the ESSA Dashboard, which is located at <https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard>

Regards,
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