

You may use the template below to notify parents/guardians of their student’s participation in the spring 2018 NH Statewide Assessment Program. Please customize this letter, as applicable, by modifying the blue fields and place the letter on school or district letterhead prior to sending. You may also use this information to post information on your district website.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be participating in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) [[grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics](#)] and [[grade 5, 8, 11 in Science](#)] assessment(s) between the dates of March 13, 2018 and June 8, 2018.

or

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your grade 11 student will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) science assessment between the dates of March 13, 2018 and June 8, 2018 and the College Board School Day SAT on March 21, 2018.

Federal law requires all States that receive funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to implement in each school district in the State a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics and reading/language arts administered in each of grades 3 through 8 and not less than once during grades 10 through 12; and in science not less than once during grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 9, and grades 10 through 12. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(3)(C)(i) and (ix)(I) require State assessments to ‘be the same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all children’ and ‘provide for the participation in such assessments of all students.

State 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, serve as a tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school college- and career-ready, and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays, and local assessments, State assessment results give teachers important information about where students are on their path toward academic success.

The testing times for the NH SAS and School Day SAT are as follows:

Grades 3-8	NH SAS for ELA/Writing/ Mathematics (hours)
English Language Arts/Reading	2:00
English Language Arts/Writing	1:30
Mathematics	2:00
Grades 5, 8, 11	NH SAS for Science (hours)
Science	2:00
Grade 11	NH School Day SAT (hours)
ERW/Mathematics	3:00

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, you may contact [[School Contact](#)] at [[Contact Information](#)]. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him/her to do his/her best during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,

[[Principal’s Name](#)]