About The New England Common Assessment Program

This report highlights results from the Fall 2010 Beginning of Grade New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests. The NECAP tests are administered to students in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont as part of each state's statewide assessment program. NECAP test results are used primarily for school improvement and accountability. Achievement level results are used in the state accountability system required under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). More detailed school and district results are used by schools to help improve curriculum and instruction. Individual student results are used to support information gathered through classroom instruction and assessments.

NECAP tests in reading and mathematics are administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and writing tests are administered to students in grades 5 and 8. The NECAP tests are designed to measure student performance on grade level expectations (GLE) developed and adopted by the four states. Specifically, the tests are designed to measure the content and skills that students are expected to have as they begin the school year in their current grade—in other words, the content and skills that students have learned through the end of the previous grade.

Each test contains a mix of multiple-choice and constructed-response questions. Constructed-response questions require students to develop their own answers to questions. On the mathematics test, students may be required to provide the correct answer to a computation or word problem, draw or interpret a chart or graph, or explain how they solved a problem. On the reading test, students may be required to make a list or write a few paragraphs to answer a question related to a literary or informational passage. On the writing test, students are required to provide a single extended response of 1–3 pages and three shorter responses to questions measuring different types of writing.

This report contains a variety of school- and/or district-, and state-level assessment results for the NECAP tests administered at a grade level. Achievement level distributions and mean scaled scores are provided for all students tested as well as for subgroups of students classified by demographics or program participation. The report also contains comparative information on school and district performance on subtopics within each content area tested.

In addition to this report of grade level results, schools and districts will also receive Summary Reports, Item Analysis Reports, Released Item support materials, and student-level data files containing NECAP results. Together, these reports and data constitute a rich source of information to support local decisions in curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development. Over time, this information can also strengthen schools' and districts' evaluation of their ongoing improvement efforts.

Fall 2010
Beginning of Grade 8
NECAP Tests

Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011

School Results

School: William S. Cohen School

District: Bangor School Department

Code: 1011-1164

Fall 2010 - Beginning of Grade 8 NECAP Tests
Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Grade Level Summary Report

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

PARTICIPATION in NECAP	Number									Percentage								
	School			District			State			School			District			State		
Students enrolled on or after October 1	125			253			14,368			100			100			100		
	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing
Students tested	**122**	**122**	**121**	**243**	**243**	**240**	**13,958**	**13,983**	**13,904**	**98**	**98**	**97**	**96**	**96**	**95**	**97**	**97**	**97**
With an approved accommodation	15	15	15	28	28	27	2,067	2,100	2,026	12	12	12	12	12	11	15	15	15
Current LEP Students	1	1	1	1	1	1	290	317	289	1	1	1	<1	<1	<1	2	2	2
With an approved accommodation	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	149	126	100	100	100	100	100	100	38	47	44
IEP Students	13	13	13	25	25	24	2,141	2,145	2,124	11	11	11	10	10	10	15	15	15
With an approved accommodation	11	11	11	23	23	22	1,681	1,689	1,650	85	85	85	92	92	92	79	79	78
Students not tested in NECAP	**3**	**3**	**4**	**10**	**10**	**13**	**410**	**385**	**464**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**3**	**3**
State Approved	3	3	3	9	9	9	263	223	254	100	100	75	90	90	69	64	58	55
Alternate Assessment	3	3	3	7	7	7	201	190	189	100	100	100	78	78	78	76	85	74
First Year LEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Withdrew After October 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enrolled After October 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Consideration	0	0	0	2	2	2	33	33	36	0	0	0	22	22	22	13	15	14
Other	0	0	1	1	1	4	147	162	210	0	0	25	10	10	31	36	42	45

NECAP RESULTS

	School													District						State					
	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
READING	125	3	0	122	40	33	63	52	17	14	2	2	853	243	28	56	15	1	852	13,958	17	56	22	5	847
MATH	125	3	0	122	43	35	50	41	15	12	14	11	847	243	32	41	16	11	846	13,983	17	42	22	20	842
WRITING	125	3	1	121	29	24	59	49	32	26	1	1	846	240	19	46	32	3	844	13,904	7	46	37	10	840

Level 4 = Proficient with Distinction; Level 3 = Proficient; Level 2 = Partially Proficient; Level 1 = Substantially Below Proficient
Note: Throughout this report, percentages may not total 100 since each percentage is rounded to the nearest whole number.
Note: Some numbers may have been left blank because fewer than ten (10) students were tested.

Fall 2010 - Beginning of Grade 8 NECAP Tests
Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Reading Results

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

Proficient with Distinction (Level 4)
Student's performance demonstrates an ability to read and comprehend grade-appropriate text. Student is able to analyze and interpret literary and informational text. Student offers insightful observations/assertions that are well supported by references to the text. Student uses range of vocabulary strategies and breadth of vocabulary knowledge to read and comprehend a wide variety of texts.

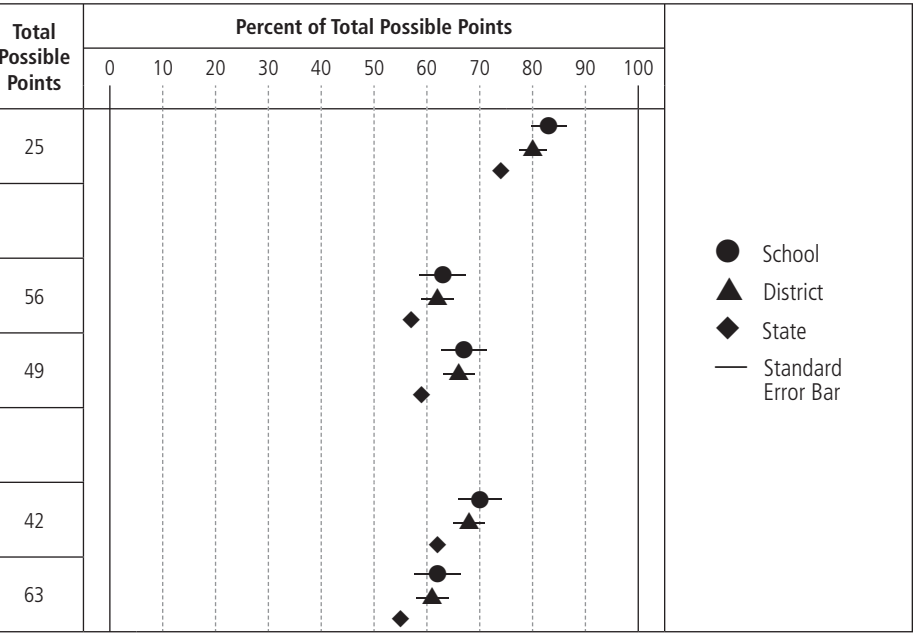
Proficient (Level 3)
Student's performance demonstrates an ability to read and comprehend grade-appropriate text. Student is able to analyze and interpret literary and informational text. Student makes and supports relevant assertions by referencing text. Student uses vocabulary strategies and breadth of vocabulary knowledge to read and comprehend text.

Partially Proficient (Level 2)
Student's performance demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and comprehend grade-appropriate text. Student attempts to analyze and interpret literary and informational text. Student may make and/or support assertions by referencing text. Student's vocabulary knowledge and use of strategies may be limited and may impact the ability to read and comprehend text.

Substantially Below Proficient (Level 1)
Student's performance demonstrates minimal ability to derive/construct meaning from grade-appropriate text. Student may be able to recognize story elements and text features. Student's limited vocabulary knowledge and use of strategies impacts the ability to read and comprehend text.

	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
SCHOOL													
2008-09													
2009-10	135	9	1	125	32	26	67	54	21	17	5	4	851
2010-11	**125**	**3**	**0**	**122**	**40**	**33**	**63**	**52**	**17**	**14**	**2**	**2**	**853**
Cumulative Total													
DISTRICT													
2008-09													
2009-10	291	16	3	272	70	26	147	54	45	17	10	4	851
2010-11	**253**	**9**	**1**	**243**	**68**	**28**	**137**	**56**	**36**	**15**	**2**	**1**	**852**
Cumulative Total													
STATE													
2008-09													
2009-10	14,466	245	120	14,101	2,092	15	7,584	54	3,378	24	1,047	7	846
2010-11	**14,368**	**263**	**147**	**13,958**	**2,341**	**17**	**7,783**	**56**	**3,096**	**22**	**738**	**5**	**847**
Cumulative Total													

Subtopic	Total Possible Points
Word ID/Vocabulary	25
Type of Text	
Literary	56
Informational	49
Level of Comprehension	
Initial Understanding	42
Analysis & Interpretation	63



Fall 2010 - Beginning of Grade 8 NECAP Tests
Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Disaggregated Reading Results

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School													District						State					
	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	**125**	**3**	**0**	**122**	**40**	**33**	**63**	**52**	**17**	**14**	**2**	**2**	**853**	**243**	**28**	**56**	**15**	**1**	**852**	**13,958**	**17**	**56**	**22**	**5**	**847**
Gender																									
Male	66	1	0	65	14	22	39	60	11	17	1	2	850	127	17	64	18	1	849	7,260	12	56	26	7	845
Female	59	2	0	57	26	46	24	42	6	11	1	2	856	116	40	48	11	1	855	6,698	22	55	18	4	849
Not Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
Race/Ethnicity																									
Hispanic or Latino	2	0	0	2										3						188	10	57	22	12	844
Not Hispanic or Latino																									
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	0	2										5						155	14	53	26	6	846
Asian	2	0	0	2										2						158	27	58	14	2	852
Black or African American	2	0	0	2										4						373	10	42	36	12	842
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0										0						12	33	50	8	8	851
White	116	3	0	113	37	33	59	52	16	14	1	1	853	227	28	57	14	<1	852	12,977	17	56	22	5	847
Two or more races	1	0	0	1										2						95	12	63	24	1	847
No Race/Ethnicity Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
LEP Status																									
Current LEP student	1	0	0	1										1						290	3	40	42	15	838
Former LEP student - monitoring year 1	1	0	0	1										1						14	50	50	0	0	858
Former LEP student - monitoring year 2	0	0	0	0										0						19	37	63	0	0	857
All Other Students	123	3	0	120	40	33	62	52	17	14	1	1	853	241	28	56	15	<1	852	13,635	17	56	22	5	847
IEP																									
Students with an IEP	16	3	0	13	1	8	4	31	6	46	2	15	840	25	4	48	40	8	841	2,141	2	27	47	25	835
All Other Students	109	0	0	109	39	36	59	54	11	10	0	0	854	218	31	57	12	0	853	11,817	20	61	18	2	849
SES																									
Economically Disadvantaged Students	41	2	0	39	7	18	21	54	10	26	1	3	848	106	11	64	24	1	847	5,870	9	52	31	9	843
All Other Students	84	1	0	83	33	40	42	51	7	8	1	1	855	137	41	50	8	1	856	8,088	23	58	16	3	850
Migrant																									
Migrant Students	0	0	0	0										0						3					
All Other Students	125	3	0	122	40	33	63	52	17	14	2	2	853	243	28	56	15	1	852	13,955	17	56	22	5	847
Title I																									
Students Receiving Title I Services	1	0	0	1										6						1,078	6	47	39	8	842
All Other Students	124	3	0	121	40	33	63	52	16	13	2	2	853	237	29	57	14	1	852	12,880	18	56	21	5	848
504 Plan																									
Students with a 504 Plan	10	0	0	10	4	40	4	40	2	20	0	0	852	23	26	52	22	0	849	331	12	59	26	3	846
All Other Students	115	3	0	112	36	32	59	53	15	13	2	2	853	220	28	57	14	1	852	13,627	17	56	22	5	847

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Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Mathematics Results

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

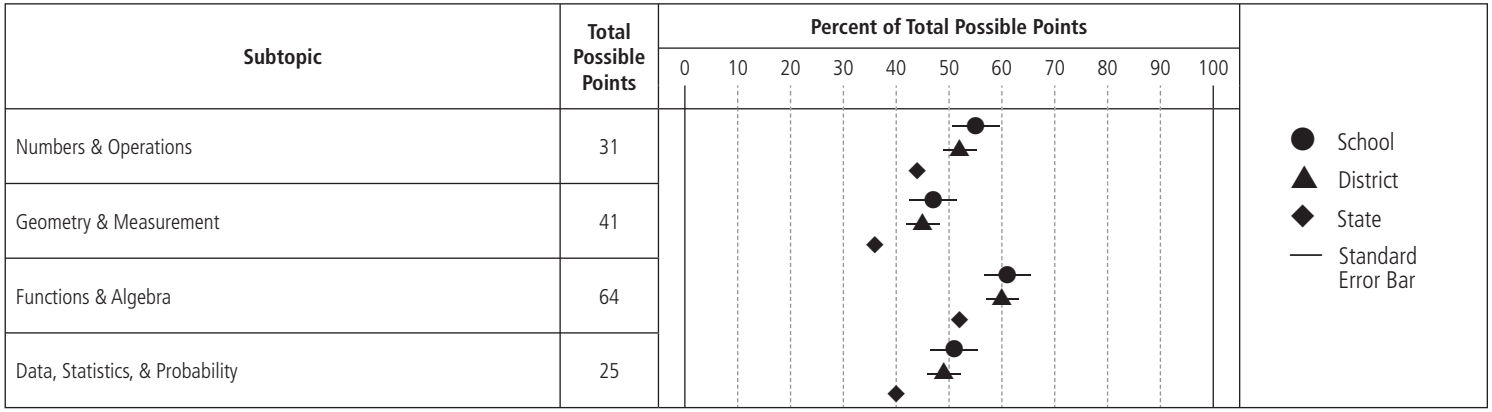
Proficient with Distinction (Level 4)
Student's problem solving demonstrates logical reasoning with strong explanations that include both words and proper mathematical notation. Student's work exhibits a high level of accuracy, effective use of a variety of strategies, and an understanding of mathematical concepts within and across grade level expectations. Student demonstrates the ability to move from concrete to abstract representations.

Proficient (Level 3)
Student's problem solving demonstrates logical reasoning with appropriate explanations that include both words and proper mathematical notation. Student uses a variety of strategies that are often systematic. Computational errors do not interfere with communicating understanding. Student demonstrates conceptual understanding of most aspects of the grade level expectations.

Partially Proficient (Level 2)
Student's problem solving demonstrates logical reasoning and conceptual understanding in some, but not all, aspects of the grade level expectations. Many problems are started correctly, but computational errors may get in the way of completing some aspects of the problem. Student uses some effective strategies. Student's work demonstrates that he or she is generally stronger with concrete than abstract situations.

Substantially Below Proficient (Level 1)
Student's problem solving is often incomplete, lacks logical reasoning and accuracy, and shows little conceptual understanding in most aspects of the grade level expectations. Student is able to start some problems but computational errors and lack of conceptual understanding interfere with solving problems successfully.

	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
SCHOOL													
2008-09													
2009-10	135	9	1	125	29	23	68	54	21	17	7	6	846
2010-11	**125**	**3**	**0**	**122**	**43**	**35**	**50**	**41**	**15**	**12**	**14**	**11**	**847**
Cumulative Total													
DISTRICT													
2008-09													
2009-10	291	17	2	272	68	25	131	48	43	16	30	11	845
2010-11	**253**	**9**	**1**	**243**	**78**	**32**	**99**	**41**	**39**	**16**	**27**	**11**	**846**
Cumulative Total													
STATE													
2008-09													
2009-10	14,466	236	115	14,115	2,283	16	6,119	43	3,019	21	2,694	19	842
2010-11	**14,368**	**223**	**162**	**13,983**	**2,310**	**17**	**5,894**	**42**	**3,048**	**22**	**2,731**	**20**	**842**
Cumulative Total													



Fall 2010 - Beginning of Grade 8 NECAP Tests
Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Disaggregated Mathematics Results

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School													District						State					
	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	**125**	**3**	**0**	**122**	**43**	**35**	**50**	**41**	**15**	**12**	**14**	**11**	**847**	**243**	**32**	**41**	**16**	**11**	**846**	**13,983**	**17**	**42**	**22**	**20**	**842**
Gender																									
Male	66	1	0	65	23	35	27	42	10	15	5	8	847	127	31	43	16	9	846	7,279	17	42	21	20	842
Female	59	2	0	57	20	35	23	40	5	9	9	16	847	116	33	38	16	13	846	6,704	15	42	23	19	842
Not Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
Race/Ethnicity																									
Hispanic or Latino	2	0	0	2										3						189	8	41	22	29	839
Not Hispanic or Latino																									
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	0	2										5						156	15	37	23	25	840
Asian	2	0	0	2										2						160	27	43	18	13	845
Black or African American	2	0	0	2										4						389	5	26	25	44	835
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0										0						12	8	67	25	0	844
White	116	3	0	113	40	35	47	42	15	13	11	10	848	227	33	41	17	10	847	12,982	17	43	22	19	842
Two or more races	1	0	0	1										2						95	8	44	19	28	839
No Race/Ethnicity Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
LEP Status																									
Current LEP student	1	0	0	1										1						317	3	24	26	48	833
Former LEP student - monitoring year 1	1	0	0	1										1						14	43	36	14	7	847
Former LEP student - monitoring year 2	0	0	0	0										0						19	37	37	26	0	847
All Other Students	123	3	0	120	42	35	50	42	15	13	13	11	847	241	32	41	16	11	846	13,633	17	43	22	19	842
IEP																									
Students with an IEP	16	3	0	13	1	8	0	0	3	23	9	69	829	25	4	4	36	56	832	2,145	2	15	23	60	831
All Other Students	109	0	0	109	42	39	50	46	12	11	5	5	849	218	35	45	14	6	848	11,838	19	47	22	12	844
SES																									
Economically Disadvantaged Students	41	2	0	39	5	13	19	49	7	18	8	21	841	106	8	51	24	18	841	5,888	7	37	27	29	838
All Other Students	84	1	0	83	38	46	31	37	8	10	6	7	850	137	51	33	10	6	850	8,095	23	46	18	12	844
Migrant																									
Migrant Students	0	0	0	0										0						2					
All Other Students	125	3	0	122	43	35	50	41	15	12	14	11	847	243	32	41	16	11	846	13,981	17	42	22	20	842
Title I																									
Students Receiving Title I Services	1	0	0	1										6						1,086	5	28	34	34	837
All Other Students	124	3	0	121	43	36	50	41	15	12	13	11	847	237	33	42	15	10	847	12,897	18	43	21	18	842
504 Plan																									
Students with a 504 Plan	10	0	0	10	3	30	4	40	3	30	0	0	846	23	17	43	26	13	843	331	14	45	24	17	842
All Other Students	115	3	0	112	40	36	46	41	12	11	14	13	847	220	34	40	15	11	847	13,652	17	42	22	20	842

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Writing Results

School: William S. Cohen School
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State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

Proficient with Distinction (Level 4)
Student's writing demonstrates an ability to respond to prompt/task with clarity and insight. Focus is well developed and maintained throughout response. Response demonstrates use of strong organizational structures. A variety of elaboration strategies is evident. Sentence structures and language choices are varied and used effectively. Response demonstrates control of conventions; minor errors may occur.

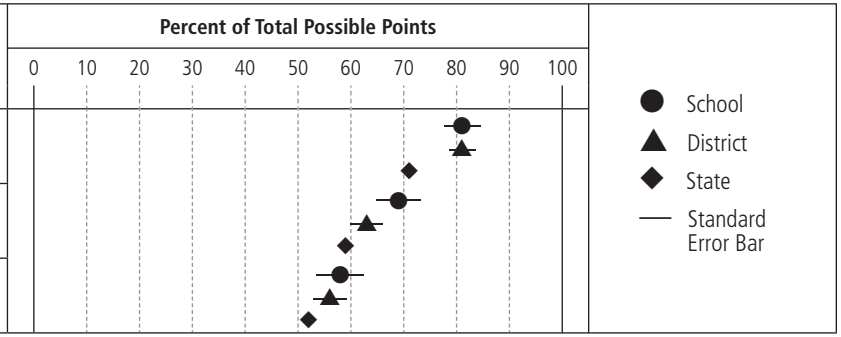
Proficient (Level 3)
Student's writing demonstrates an ability to respond to prompt/task. Focus is clear and maintained throughout the response. Response is organized with a beginning, middle, and end with appropriate transitions. Details are sufficiently elaborated to support focus. Sentence structures and language use are varied. Response demonstrates control of conventions; errors may occur but do not interfere with meaning.

Partially Proficient (Level 2)
Student's writing demonstrates an attempt to respond to prompt/task. Focus may be present but not maintained. Organizational structure is inconsistent with limited use of transitions. Details may be listed and lack elaboration. Sentence structures and language use are unsophisticated and may be repetitive. Response demonstrates inconsistent control of conventions.

Substantially Below Proficient (Level 1)
Student's writing demonstrates a minimal response to prompt/task. Focus is unclear or lacking. Little or no organizational structure is evident. Details are minimal and/or random. Sentence structures and language use are minimal or absent. Frequent errors in conventions may interfere with meaning.

	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
SCHOOL													
2008-09													
2009-10													
2010-11	125	3	1	121	29	24	59	49	32	26	1	1	846
Cumulative Total													
DISTRICT													
2008-09													
2009-10													
2010-11	253	9	4	240	45	19	110	46	77	32	8	3	844
Cumulative Total													
STATE													
2008-09													
2009-10													
2010-11	14,368	254	210	13,904	1,035	7	6,332	46	5,179	37	1,358	10	840
Cumulative Total													

Subtopic	Total Possible Points
Multiple Choice	10
Short Responses	12
Extended Response	12



No historical data is available for 2009-10 because a pilot test was administered to field-test new writing items for future writing tests.

Fall 2010 - Beginning of Grade 8 NECAP Tests
Grade 8 Students in 2010-2011
Disaggregated Writing Results

School: William S. Cohen School
District: Bangor School Department
State: Maine
Code: 1011-1164

REPORTING CATEGORIES	School													District						State					
	Enrolled	NT Approved	NT Other	Tested	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	N	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	**125**	**3**	**1**	**121**	**29**	**24**	**59**	**49**	**32**	**26**	**1**	**1**	**846**	**240**	**19**	**46**	**32**	**3**	**844**	**13,904**	**7**	**46**	**37**	**10**	**840**
Gender																									
Male	66	1	1	64	4	6	37	58	23	36	0	0	842	125	6	51	38	6	840	7,227	3	36	45	15	836
Female	59	2	0	57	25	44	22	39	9	16	1	2	851	115	33	40	26	1	848	6,677	12	55	29	4	843
Not Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
Race/Ethnicity																									
Hispanic or Latino	2	0	0	2										3						186	7	40	40	13	838
Not Hispanic or Latino																									
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	0	2										5						155	5	43	39	13	838
Asian	2	0	0	2										2						158	17	49	32	2	845
Black or African American	2	0	0	2										4						373	2	33	49	16	836
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0										0						12	17	58	17	8	844
White	116	3	1	112	27	24	55	49	29	26	1	1	846	224	19	46	32	3	844	12,926	8	46	37	10	840
Two or more races	1	0	0	1										2						94	3	47	38	12	839
No Race/Ethnicity Reported	0	0	0	0										0						0					
LEP Status																									
Current LEP student	1	0	0	1										1						289	1	29	55	15	834
Former LEP student - monitoring year 1	1	0	0	1										1						14	29	50	21	0	849
Former LEP student - monitoring year 2	0	0	0	0										0						19	21	53	26	0	848
All Other Students	123	3	1	119	29	24	58	49	31	26	1	1	846	238	19	46	32	3	844	13,582	8	46	37	10	840
IEP																									
Students with an IEP	16	3	0	13	0	0	2	15	10	77	1	8	833	24	0	13	67	21	831	2,124	<1	11	50	39	829
All Other Students	109	0	1	108	29	27	57	53	22	20	0	0	848	216	21	50	28	1	845	11,780	9	52	35	5	842
SES																									
Economically Disadvantaged Students	41	2	1	38	5	13	16	42	17	45	0	0	841	103	7	37	50	7	838	5,828	3	36	45	15	836
All Other Students	84	1	0	83	24	29	43	52	15	18	1	1	848	137	28	53	19	1	848	8,076	11	52	31	6	842
Migrant																									
Migrant Students	0	0	0	0										0						3					
All Other Students	125	3	1	121	29	24	59	49	32	26	1	1	846	240	19	46	32	3	844	13,901	7	46	37	10	840
Title I																									
Students Receiving Title I Services	1	0	0	1										5						1,073	4	30	53	13	836
All Other Students	124	3	1	120	29	24	58	48	32	27	1	1	846	235	19	46	31	3	844	12,831	8	47	36	10	840
504 Plan																									
Students with a 504 Plan	10	0	0	10	0	0	6	60	4	40	0	0	842	21	0	48	48	5	839	328	3	39	48	11	837
All Other Students	115	3	1	111	29	26	53	48	28	25	1	1	846	219	21	46	31	3	844	13,576	8	46	37	10	840

Level 4 = Proficient with Distinction; Level 3 = Proficient; Level 2 = Partially Proficient; Level 1 = Substantially Below Proficient

Note: Some numbers may have been left blank because fewer than ten (10) students were tested.