

## **ROLE OF THE MAINE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (MEA)**

1. The Maine Education Assessment (MEA) is administered annually to all students in grades 4, 8, and 11. The MEA is part of Biddeford's Comprehensive Local Assessment System (CLAS). The results of the MEA will be used to inform district decisions on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Comparisons will be made between local assessment results and MEA results for calibration purposes. Results may be used as part of the procedures used to identify students who may be in need of assistance in meeting the standards of the *Learning Results*.
2. The purpose of the certification set of the CLAS is to produce valid and reliable decisions about whether students meet standards for the content areas of the *Learning Results*. Therefore, if a student meets standards or exceeds standards on the MEA, that performance will be included in the student's record of achievement for certification purposes.
3. Because the MEA is designed to measure achievement at the content area level (not the performance indicator level of our CLAS tasks), a student's MEA score will be used to measure achievement at the content area level.
4. The MEA score will count no less than 15% and no more than 20% of the overall CLAS body of evidence (the value of the CLAS and MEA combined).
5. The MEA score will be used in certification decisions only if it helps the student's overall achievement record.

Cross Reference: IL – Evaluation of Instructional Programs  
ILA – Tests/Assessment

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