

Fact Sheet: How can we find out how New Hampshire students do on assessment tests? (11/5/17 Libby V.)

By examining New Hampshire's most recent assessment tools and the disaggregated assessment results, perhaps we can better grasp the challenges of education funding decisions.

Web Sites for Exploring Student Achievement in New Hampshire:

To see sample questions from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/sample-questions/>

(This is the assessment program that has most recently been used in in NH for Grades 3 though 8. Students in Grade 11 take the SAT as their NH assessment.)

To see the 2017 results of state testing, including disaggregated scores for groups such as students with IEPs, English Language Learners, students living in poverty, etc. on the NH Dept. of Education website:

<https://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/index.htm>

(Various pdf files are included on this page.)

Assessment results for making comparisons among NH school districts:

<https://my.doe.nh.gov/profiles/> Under "Search Options," click on "Districts."

(if the link above doesn't work, use this:) www.education.nh.gov

Click on "NH Profiles and Report Cards."

Under "Search Options," click on "Districts."

[This is one way to look for disparities among well-funded and poorly funded districts.]

(NOTE: I have not found evidence of assessments used by home-schooled students. It would be helpful if that group were included in the report of disaggregated test scores. Did those students use any standardized assessment, and, if so, where can we find those results? – LV)