



## Smarter Balanced Student Assessment Results

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Individual score reports are available in the **Online Reporting System**, found on the NH Smarter Balanced Portal (<http://nh.portal.airast.org/district-coordinators/>). A guide to downloading the reports can be found under **Reporting Resource** in the [ORS Reporting System User Guide](#). It is at the district/school discretion when score reports are released to parents and in what format, either electronic or print, that best meets the needs of all your families. The public release of the Smarter Balanced aggregated results will take place after all accountability rules have been applied to final data files.

Please share the following information when/if you distribute parent reports prior to data finalization:

- Individual student reports show how well a student is progressing against the standards and how well a student is mastering the necessary skills to be successful in the next grade level.
- Preliminary data should not be used for group, district, or school comparisons or decisions.
- Individual results will not change, however the overall results of the school may change as final New Hampshire accountability rules are applied.

### Media Requests for Preliminary Data

The NH DOE understands that you may receive requests from the media regarding the preliminary results that you have received. It is important that we all help media partners understand the messaging around the results and the difference between preliminary and final results. The results for schools, districts and the state that can be accessed by school and district personnel only preliminary because the NH DOE cannot complete the business rules to finalize the data until we have received the End-of-Year enrollment data from the field (Oct 1). In addition, we are currently going through the verification process regarding approved exemptions, out of school placements with sending schools and providing each district and school team the ability to verify their students in the preliminary information. As with every other year, this process does take some time and it is critically important to accurate.

The NH Right to Know law requires the sharing of data shared with the media or members of the public *unless exempted* in NH RSA 91-A:5. *The following governmental records are exempted from the provisions of this chapter: ... IX. Preliminary drafts, notes, and memoranda and other documents not in their final form and not disclosed, circulated, or available to a quorum or a majority of the members of a public body.* In accordance with NH RSA 91-A:5 the NH DOE would not expect any district to share the preliminary data.