

2017–2018 Statewide Testing Schedule and Administration Deadlines

MCAS High School Tests and Retests, MCAS Alternate Assessment, MCAS/EPP Mathematics Test, and ACCESS for ELLs

		Date/Time ¹
November 2017 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) process	TBD
	Receive test materials	November 1
	Complete Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration (PCPA; Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	November 1–6, 12:00 p.m.
	ELA Composition Sessions A and B	November 8
<i>Test Administration²</i>	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	November 9
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	November 14
	Mathematics Session 1	November 15
	Mathematics Session 2	November 16
	Last date for regular make-up testing	November 17 ³
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	November 20, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	November 21
	2018 ACCESS for ELLS Test	
Grades K–12		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	October 23–November 9
	Receive test materials	January 2
	Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	January 2–31
	<i>Test Administration⁴</i>	ACCESS for ELLs test sessions
<i>After Testing</i>	Schedule UPS pickup	February 8
	Deadline for UPS pickup	February 9
February 2018 High School MCAS Biology Test		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the SR/PNP process	TBD
	Receive test materials	January 29
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	January 29–February 1, 12:00 p.m.
	<i>Test Administration²</i>	Biology Session 1
Biology Session 2		February 6
Last date for regular make-up testing		February 8 ⁵
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	February 9, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	February 12

¹ Check the [Department's website](#) periodically for updates to this schedule.

² See page 4 for information on testing time.

³ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed November 20.

⁴ ACCESS for ELLs tests for **grades 1–12** will be administered online, with a paper alternative, for each of the following areas: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking (the administration of the **kindergarten** test and the **Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** test will remain paper-based, as in 2017).

The recommended times for each domain (session) across all grade levels is as follows: 40 minutes for Listening, 45 minutes for Reading, 30 minutes for Speaking, 65 minutes for Writing. Students with disabilities may have an entire school day to complete one session (with the exception of the Speaking test, for which they may have up to twice the recommended time to complete).

⁵ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed February 9.

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and Administration Deadlines *continued***

		Date/Time ⁶
March 2018 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) process ⁷	TBD
	Receive test materials	February 14
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	February 14–26, 12:00 p.m.
	ELA Composition Sessions A and B	February 28
<i>Test Administration</i> ⁸	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	March 1
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	March 2
	Mathematics Session 1	March 5
	Mathematics Session 2	March 6
	Last date for regular make-up testing	March 7 ⁹
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	March 8, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	March 9
	2018 MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt) Grades 3–12	
<i>Before Conducting the MCAS-Alt</i>	Order MCAS-Alt materials	January 8–19
	Receive MCAS-Alt materials	Week of February 26
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	February 26–March 22, 12:00 p.m. ¹⁰
	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	March 29, 3:00 p.m.
<i>After Conducting the MCAS-Alt</i>	Deadline for UPS pickup	March 30
	March–April 2018 Grade 10 MCAS ELA Test	
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the SR/PNP process ⁷	TBD
	Receive test materials	March 13
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	March 13–23, 12:00 p.m. (March 27–April 3: Order additional materials for the ELA Composition Make-Up)
	ELA Composition Sessions A and B	March 27
<i>Test Administration</i> ⁸	ELA Composition Make-up Sessions A and B	April 5
	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	March 28
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	March 29
	Last date for regular make-up testing	April 10 ¹¹
	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	April 11, 3:00 p.m.
<i>After Testing</i>	Deadline for UPS pickup	April 12 (April 3: Early/automatic pickup)

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⁷ Adult/external diploma programs, test sites, DYS/SEIS, and other high schools with a special situation should contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 to place an order for a total number of materials instead of using the SR/PNP process.

⁸ See page 4 for information on testing time.

⁹ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed March 8.

¹⁰ Schools should complete these tasks as soon as materials are received, but have until March 22 to do so.

¹¹ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed April 11.

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		Date/Time ¹²
2018 MCAS/EPP Mathematics Test		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Download test materials from MassEdu Gateway (formerly known as the Department’s Security Portal)	April 9–May 4
	MCAS/EPP Mathematics test sessions	April 23–May 4
<i>Test Administration</i> ¹³	Last day for make-up testing	May 4
	Score students’ answer sheets	May 7–16
<i>After Testing</i>	Deadline to destroy test booklets	May 16
	Securely transport materials to the superintendent’s office for storage	May 7–25
	May 2018 Grade 10 MCAS Mathematics Test	
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) process ¹⁴	TBD
	Receive test materials	May 9
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section)	
	Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	May 9–21, 12:00 p.m.
<i>Test Administration</i> ¹⁵	Mathematics Session 1	May 23
	Mathematics Session 2	May 24
	Last date for regular make-up testing	May 30 ¹⁶
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	May 31, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	June 1 (May 29: Early/automatic pickup)
	June 2018 High School MCAS STE Tests (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering)	
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the SR/PNP process ¹⁴	TBD
	Receive test materials	May 22
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section)	
	Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	May 22–June 1, 12:00 p.m.
<i>Test Administration</i> ¹⁵	STE Session 1	June 6
	STE Session 2	June 7
	Last date for regular make-up testing	June 12 ¹⁷
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	June 13, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	June 14

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¹³ The MCAS/EPP Mathematics test is [an option](#) for students to successfully complete the mathematics assessment portion of their [Education Proficiency Plan \(EPP\)](#) in order to meet their Competency Determination graduation requirement. The MCAS/EPP Mathematics test has two separate sessions. Individual test sessions are designed to be completed in 60 minutes.

¹⁴ Adult/external diploma programs, test sites, DYS/SEIS, and other high schools with a special situation should contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 to place an order for a total number of materials instead of using the SR/PNP process.

¹⁵ See page 4 for information on testing time.

¹⁶ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed May 31.

¹⁷ Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed June 13.

Recommended Session Lengths for the 2017–2018 MCAS High School Tests

Note that test sessions for high school students will remain untimed for 2017–2018. Changes to testing time for high school tests will be considered when next-generation high school tests are developed.

The high school *Principal's Administration Manuals* will contain additional information and protocols, but to assist schools when establishing schedules, the following information will be relevant.

The high school tests have prescribed test administration dates in order to maintain the security of these tests. Schools are expected to adhere to these dates. Principals should [email the Department](#) if there are extraordinary circumstances.

The June high school STE sessions must be administered on the dates specified below, but it is not necessary to schedule concurrent sessions for the different subject areas (e.g., the Biology test and the Chemistry test may begin at different times).

The tables below show recommended testing times, in minutes, for the 2017–2018 high school MCAS tests and retests.

November 2017 MCAS ELA Retest, March 2018 MCAS ELA Retest, and Spring 2018 MCAS Grade 10 ELA Test				
ELA Composition Sessions A and B recommended testing time	Session 1 recommended testing time	Session 2 recommended testing time	Session 3 recommended testing time	Total recommended testing time
Session A: 45 Session B: 45	45	45	45	225

November 2017 MCAS Mathematics Retest, March 2018 MCAS Mathematics Retest, and Spring 2018 MCAS Grade 10 Mathematics Test		
Session 1 recommended testing time	Session 2 recommended testing time	Total recommended testing time
60	60	120

February 2018 MCAS Biology Test and June 2018 High School MCAS STE Tests (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering)		
Session 1 recommended testing time	Session 2 recommended testing time	Total recommended testing time
60	60	120