

Tewksbury Public Schools

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To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of TPS
Re: Legacy MCAS & Next Generation (NG) MCAS 2017-2018 Testing Window (Grades 3-10)
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The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has been transitioning away from the 20 year old *Legacy MCAS* towards a new updated *Next Generation MCAS* test for grades 3-10. As a convenience to our community, we have created the table below to clarify which test and which testing mode (paper or computer) our students will participate in. We have also identified the planned testing dates at each grade level and some helpful links to prepare.

Grade	ELA Literacy & Reading Comprehension	Math	(S.T.E.) Science, Technology, & Engineering	Assessment Dates <i>The dates listed below reflect the planned testing schedule per grade level and test. TPS reserves the right to alter this schedule if needed, and within the MA DESE testing approved window.</i>
3	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : 4/26 & 4/27 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/14
4	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/30 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/21
5	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test Legacy MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : 4/24 & 4/25 NG MCAS Math : 5/8 & 5/9 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/14 & 5/15
6	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : 4/24 & 4/25 NG MCAS Math : 5/8 & 5/9
7	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : 4/25 & 4/26 NG MCAS Math : 5/9 & 5/10
8	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test Legacy MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : 4/25 & 4/26 NG MCAS Math : 5/9 & 5/10 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/16 & 5/17
9	N/A	N/A	Paper Based Test Legacy MCAS *- (Bio)	MCAS BIOLOGY * - 6/6 & 6/7
10	Paper Based Test Legacy MCAS *	Paper Based Test Legacy MCAS *	N/A	MCAS ELA * - 3/27 - 3/29 MCAS MATH * - 5/23 & 5/24

Notes:

- ***MCAS- Passing the 9th and 10th Grade Legacy MCAS tests are still a mandatory graduation requirement.**
- The full MA DESE testing schedule can be found at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html>
- To support your child at home and prepare further for the NG MCAS testing, click on the links below:
 - Sample MCAS questions: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html>
 - Sample Practice Tests & Tutorials: [MCAS Practice Tests](#)
 - For more information on the NG MCAS transition plan: [NG MCAS Transition Plan](#)