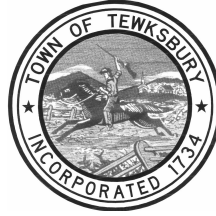


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To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of TPS
Re: Next Generation (NG) MCAS 2018-2019 Testing Window (Grades 3-10)
Date: November 14, 2018

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 with some helpful links.

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 & 4	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : Trahan- week of 4/22 No. St- week of 4/29 NG MCAS Math : Trahan- week of 5/6 No. St- week of 5/13
5	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : 4/30 & 5/1 NG MCAS Math : 5/7 & 5/8 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/13 & 5/14
6	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : 4/30 & 5/1 NG MCAS Math : 5/7 & 5/8
7	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
8	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : 4/24 & 4/25 NG MCAS Math : 5/8 & 5/9 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/15 & 5/16
9*	N/A	N/A	Computer Based NG MCAS Field Test Paper Based Test Legacy MCAS*-	NG MCAS BIO Field Test (6/3) MCAS BIOLOGY* - 6/4 & 6/5
10*	Computer Based Test NG MCAS*	Computer Based Test Legacy MCAS*	N/A	NG MCAS ELA* - 3/26 - 3/27 NG MCAS MATH* - 5/21 & 5/22

Notes: Please see the District Events Calendar at <https://www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us/calendar/>

- To support your child at home and prepare further for the NG MCAS testing, click on the links below:
 - Sample released NG MCAS questions: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/release.html>
 - For more information on [Sample NG Practice Tests, Tutorials, Test-Taking Tools, and Reference Sheets](#)
- ***Passing the 9th and 10th Grade NG MCAS tests are still mandatory graduation requirements.**
- The full MA DESE testing schedule can be found at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html>