



To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of TPS
From: Lori McDermott, Assistant Superintendent
Re: Next Generation (NG) MCAS 2023-2024 Testing Window (Grades 3-10)
Date: December 5, 2023

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is planning to administer the Next Generation Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (NG MCAS) test for all students in grades 3-10 this Spring. As a convenience to our TPS community, we have created the table below to clarify which test and which testing mode our students will participate in with the current information we have available through DESE. We have also identified the planned testing weeks at each grade level with some helpful links (see below). Please note, the specific details in this testing memo may be subject to change if required or necessary.

Grades	ELA Literacy & Reading Comprehension	Math	(S.T.E.) Science, Technology, & Engineering Grades 5 & 8 Only	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	Grades 3+4 Computer-Based NG MCAS	Grades 3+4 Computer-Based NG MCAS	N/A	ELA MCAS: 4/1- 4/5 MATH MCAS: 5/13 - 5/17
5+6	Grade 5+6 Computer-Based NG MCAS	Grades 5+6 Computer-Based NG MCAS	Grade 5 Only Computer-Based NG MCAS	ELA MCAS: 4/9 & 4/10 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/14 & 5/15 MATH MCAS: 5/8 & 5/9
7+8	Grades 7+8 Computer-Based NG MCAS	Grades 7+8 Computer-Based NG MCAS	Grade 8 Only Computer-Based NG MCAS	ELA MCAS: 4/9 & 4/10 S.T.E. MCAS: 5/14 & 5/15 MATH MCAS: 5/8 & 5/9
9 *	N/A	N/A	Computer-Based NG MCAS *CD for Graduation	* S.T.E. BIOLOGY MCAS: 6/4 & 6/5
10 *	Computer-Based NG MCAS *CD for graduation	Computer-Based NG MCAS *CD for Graduation	N/A	* ELA MCAS: 3/26 & 3/27 * MATH MCAS: 5/21/ & 5/22
11+12 **	** If applicable See Link Below	** If applicable See Link Below	N/A	** If applicable See Link Below

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

- 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 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 Gr. 9 & 10 NG MCAS** tests are still required Competency Determinations (CD) for graduation.
- ** Class of 2023 & 2024: See [DESE CD Website](#) for more information regarding CD Requirements for graduation and Adams/Koplik scholarship eligibility.

TPS District Strategy

The Tewksbury Public Schools Community believes that our educational program will reflect our collective Vision of a Learner. Our consistent observable growth among our students and staff will be evident in the achievement of academic, social, and emotional success in school and far beyond.