

Tewksbury Public Schools

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To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of TPS
From: Brenda Theriault-Regan, Assistant Superintendent
Re: Next Generation (NG) MCAS 2020-2021 Testing Window (Grades 3-11)
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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 3-11 this Spring. As a convenience to our 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). With health and safety protocols in mind, we will continue to determine specific testing dates and details for all Cohorts of students (Cohorts A, B, C, & RLA), as all students are required to take the MCAS test in person at the school.

Grades	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>
3-8	Grades 3-8 Computer Based NG MCAS	Grades 3-8 Computer Based NG MCAS	Grades 5 & 8 Only See below	ELA MCAS: week of 4/26 - 4/30 MATH MCAS: week of 5/18 - 5/21
5 & 8	See above	See above	Computer Based NG MCAS	S.T.E. MCAS: 5/21 & 5/24
9*	N/A	N/A	Computer Based NG MCAS* *CD for Graduation	S.T.E. BIOLOGY MCAS * - June TBA
10*	Computer Based NG MCAS* *CD for graduation	Computer Based NG MCAS* *CD for Graduation	N/A	ELA MCAS: week of 5/18 - 5/21 MATH MCAS: week of 5/24 - 5/28
11*	Computer Based NG MCAS* 2020 Make-Up for *CD for Graduation	Computer Based NG MCAS* 2020 Make-Up for *CD for Graduation	N/A	ELA MCAS: week of 5/18 - 5/21 MATH MCAS: week of 5/24 - 5/28

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 Grades 9 and 10 (and 11th this year) NG MCAS tests are still required Competency Determinations (CD) for graduation.
- The full MA DESE testing schedule can be found at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html>