

Tewksbury Public Schools

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To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of TPS

Re: MCAS & Next Generation (NG) MCAS 2016-2017 Testing Window (Grades 3-11)

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The Massachusetts Board of Education is in the final stages of developing our Next Generation MCAS tests. These new assessments will use both NG MCAS test items, PARCC test items, and *the best of* MCAS test items. **The table below has been created to help clarify the standardized testing schedule that Tewksbury Public School students will participate in during the 2016-2017 school year.**

Grade	ELA Literacy & Reading Comprehension	Math	(S.T.E.) Science, Technology, & Engineering	Assessment Dates 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.
3	Paper Based Test NG MCAS	Paper Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/10 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/15
4	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/24 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/15
5	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Paper Based Test MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/3 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/1 S.T.E. MCAS: week of 5/8
6	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/3 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/1
7	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	N/A	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/24 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/8
8	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Computer Based Test NG MCAS	Paper Based Test MCAS	NG MCAS ELA : week of 4/24 NG MCAS Math : week of 5/8 S.T.E. MCAS: week of 5/15
9	N/A	N/A	Paper Based Test MCAS *- (Biology)	MCAS BIOLOGY* - 6/5 & 6/6
10	Paper Based Test MCAS*	Paper Based Test MCAS*	N/A	MCAS ELA* - 3/21- 3/23 MCAS MATH* - 5/16 & 5/17

Notes:

- ***MCAS- Passing the 9th and 10th Grade 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 PARCC Questions: <http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/practice-tests>