



2018–2019 MCAS Testing Schedule

Check www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html in fall 2018 for additional details on the MCAS testing schedule (i.e., make-up testing windows, test administration deadlines, recommended testing times) as well as the ACCESS for ELLs testing schedule. For planning purposes, note that test sessions in 2018–2019 will remain untimed.

Spring 2019 MCAS Alternate Assessment for Grades 3–8 and High School

MCAS-Alt portfolio for students with significant disabilities	
Deadline for UPS pickup of MCAS-Alt portfolio materials	Friday, March 29

Spring 2019 MCAS Tests for Elementary and Middle Schools¹

April–May 2019 Grades 3–8 MCAS Tests² Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics, and grades 5 and 8 Science and Technology/Engineering Tests (STE) computer-based tests	
ELA test sessions	Monday, April 1–Friday, May 3
Mathematics test sessions	Tuesday, April 2–Friday, May 24
STE test sessions	Wednesday, April 3–Friday, May 24

2018– 2019 MCAS Tests for High Schools

November 2018 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests paper-based tests	
ELA Composition Sessions A and B	Thursday, November 8
ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	Friday, November 9
ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	Tuesday, November 13
Mathematics Session 1	Wednesday, November 14
Mathematics Session 2	Thursday, November 15
February 2019 MCAS Biology Test paper-based test	
Biology Session 1	Wednesday, February 6
Biology Session 2	Thursday, February 7
March 2019 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests paper-based tests	
ELA Composition Sessions A and B	Monday, March 4
ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	Tuesday, March 5
ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	Wednesday, March 6
Mathematics Session 1	Thursday, March 7
Mathematics Session 2	Friday, March 8

March 2019 Grade 10 MCAS ELA Test^{2,3} computer-based test	
Primary Administration Dates⁴	
ELA Session 1	Tuesday, March 26
ELA Session 2	Wednesday, March 27
Secondary Administration Dates	
ELA Session 1	Thursday, March 28
ELA Session 2	Friday, March 29
May 2019 Grade 10 MCAS Mathematics Test^{2,3} computer-based test	
Primary Administration Dates⁴	
Mathematics Session 1	Tuesday, May 21
Mathematics Session 2	Wednesday, May 22
Secondary Administration Dates	
Mathematics Session 1	Thursday, May 23
Mathematics Session 2	Friday, May 24
June 2019 MCAS STE Tests (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering) paper-based tests	
STE Session 1	Tuesday, June 4
STE Session 2	Wednesday, June 5
May–June 2019 MCAS Biology and Introductory Physics Field Tests computer-based administration Each school that administers the Biology or Introductory Physics tests in June will also administer a field test to a portion of its students.	
STE Session 1	Monday, May 28–Friday, June 14 ⁵

¹ There will be two test sessions for each of the MCAS tests for grades 3–8. The Department will review the amount of testing time used by students doing computer-based testing in 2018 to determine the recommended testing times for spring 2019. Also in preparation for 2019, the Department will update the STE test design information on the website over the next several months (for reference, the 2018 information for all grade 3–8 tests is [available](#)).

² Note that the tests in ELA and Mathematics for grades 3–8 and 10, and grades 5 and 8 tests in STE will be computer-based tests. (Exceptions to the CBT expectation will be made for students with disabilities and first-year English learners, who may require a paper-based edition as an accommodation.)

³ The spring grade 10 ELA and Mathematics tests will be next-generation, computer-based tests, and will contain two test sessions each. The [spring 2019 grade 10 ELA](#) and [spring 2019 grade 10 Mathematics](#) test designs are available.

⁴ Schools with technology constraints should use the primary administration dates for the maximum number of students who can test concurrently, and then use the secondary administration dates for the remainder of the students. Schools with special circumstances that cannot test all their students using the primary and secondary administration dates should [email the Department’s Office of Student Assessment Services](#) to discuss options. (Note that schools with students doing paper-based tests as an accommodation will be expected to administer the grade 10 tests concurrently to those students on the primary set of administration dates.)

⁵ Schools may not administer the field tests on June 4 or June 5, the prescribed dates for the operational high school STE tests.