Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
MCAS Academic Support Program Highlights – FY12

Funded through state budget line item 7061-9404, MCAS Academic Support Programs are designed for students who have not scored high enough on the state exams (MCAS) to earn their Competency Determinations required for high school graduation. Student grade eligibility varies by program, but may include grades 8-12 and post-12th graders. During fiscal year 2011-2012 (FY12), MCAS Academic Support grants served approximately 16,700 of 162,500 eligible students from the classes of 2003-2016. Overall, participants in these MCAS Academic Support programs were 1.7 times (31 percentage points) more likely to have met the state’s English Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS testing requirements by November 2012 than eligible youth who did not participate. Moreover, as can be seen in the charts below, this difference held true when looking at students by class year as well as by selected student population (English language learner, special education, and low-income).

![Percentage of Students Passing the ELA and Mathematics Grade 10 MCAS/Retest CD Requirement by Class Year, FY12](chart1.png)

![Percentage of Students Passing the ELA and Mathematics Grade 10 MCAS/Retest CD Requirement by Selected Population, FY12](chart2.png)

Sources: Student Information Management System, grant recipient reports, and MCAS files.

More than 87 percent of students served through this line item participated in programs funded through 364 school district allocation grants. The additional 13 percent of students were served through 4 types of competitive grants awarded to districts, community colleges, One Stop Career Centers, and other partners such as Regional Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs). In all, the Department funded a total of 475 programs during the 2011-2012 school year and the following summer 2012.