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| **Item Release Policies and Plans for Massachusetts Assessments** | | |
|  | **MCAS (spring tests)** | **PARCC (spring tests)** |
| **Test items** | **Grades 3–8 ELA, Math, and Science**  Approximately 50% of the common items are released.  **High school** **ELA, Math, and Science**  100% of common items are released, with the exception of Chemistry | **Grades 3–11 ELA and Math**  PARCC will release the equivalent of one form (test) per grade. The released “form” is composed of items across multiple operational forms. |
| **Sample student work and annotations** | **ELA**  For every released constructed-response question, the Department releases one annotated student response at each score point, plus an additional annotated response at the highest score point.  **Math and Science**  For every released constructed-response question, the Department releases one student response at each score point, plus an additional response at the highest score point. Math and STE do not have annotated responses. | **ELA**  For every constructed-response question, PARCC will release student work at each score point. The student responses for one task at each grade will be annotated.  **Math**  For every release constructed-response item (Type II and Type III), PARCC will release a set of student work (eight responses per item) with annotations. Five additional examples of student work (scored but not annotated) will also be released. |
| **Access to items and student work** | Available to the public on the Department’s website. | Available to the public on the PARCC website. |
| **Schedule for release** | **Test items:** Early summer to coincide with release of preliminary results  **Scoring rubrics, student work, and annotations:** Early fall | End of October for all materials (2015 only; schedule for future years TBD) |