









Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System
MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt)
 Fall 2009

Educators' Training

A series of half-day training sessions (8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) for teachers and related service providers who are conducting the 2010 MCAS-Alt for students with significant disabilities.



Topics Include:

-  **Overview for Teachers Conducting MCAS-Alt for the First Time**
-  **What's New for 2010 MCAS-Alt?**
-  **Data Collection Strategies**
-  **How Portfolios are Scored**
-  **Technology: Online Forms and Graphs**
-  **How to Use the *Resource Guide to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Students with Disabilities***

Dates and Locations

Week One	
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Taunton <i>Holiday Inn</i>
Wednesday, Oct. 7	West Springfield <i>Clarion</i>
Thursday, Oct. 8	Danvers <i>Sheraton Ferncroft</i>
Friday, Oct. 9	Marlborough <i>Courtyard Marriott</i>

Week Two	
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Braintree <i>Sheraton</i>
Wednesday, Oct. 21.....	West Springfield <i>Clarion</i>
Thursday, Oct. 22	Taunton <i>Holiday Inn</i>
Friday, Oct. 23	Peabody <i>Marriott</i>

Who May Attend?

Teachers and related service providers who are directly responsible for compiling and submitting MCAS-Alt portfolios are invited to attend. **Administrators should register instead for the *MCAS-Alt Administrators' Overview*** using the MCAS Service Center website below.

How to Register

Registration is conducted on the MCAS Service Center website at www.mcasservicecenter.com. Click on "MCAS Alternate Assessment," then "Registration for Training." Register early since attendance is limited at each site. Please complete your registration no later than September 28.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103.

To request an accommodation, such as an ASL interpreter, contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 or by email at tenney.crystal@measuredprogress.org by September 21.

This flyer is also available online at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/resources.html.



Workshop Sessions

Option One: Educators who are conducting MCAS-Alt for the first time

- **Overview of MCAS-Alt (8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)**
 - Which students should take the MCAS-Alt?
 - Portfolio requirements for each grade and content area
 - Collecting data on measurable outcomes to assess a student's performance and progress
 - Using the *Resource Guide to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Students with Disabilities* (Fall 2006)

Option Two: Educators with experience conducting MCAS-Alt

- **What's New for 2010? (8:30–9:45 a.m.)**
 - Which students should take MCAS-Alt?
 - How did students perform on the 2009 MCAS-Alt?
 - 2010 MCAS-Alt requirements
 - Using the *Resource Guide to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Students with Disabilities* (Fall 2006)
 - Using Forms and Graphs online
 - Scoring at the *Needs Improvement* level or higher in grades 3-8
- **Data Collection Strategies (10:00–11:15 a.m.)**
 - Data collection requirements for MCAS-Alt
 - Identifying measurable outcomes based on learning standards
 - Collecting data on student performance (step-by-step)
 - Preparing charts and graphs for student portfolios



DIRECTIONS

October 6 **Taunton Holiday Inn** **Tel: 508-823-0430**

700 MYLES STANDISH BOULEVARD, TAUNTON, MA 02780

From Route 24 North or South: Take Exit 14B onto I-495 North. Follow directions below from I-495 North.

From I-95 North or South: Take Exit 6A onto I-495 South. Follow directions below from I-495 South.

From I-495 North: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Take left off ramp, go over the highway. At lights, turn right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be ahead on the right.

From I-495 South: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Bear right off exit ramp. Take first right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be ahead on the right.

October 7 **WEST SPRINGFIELD CLARION** **Tel: 413-781-8750**

1050 RIVERDALE STREET, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01809

From I-90 (Mass Pike) East or West: Take Exit 4 and follow signs for Riverdale Street (Route 5 South). Hotel will be 1 1/4 miles ahead on the right.

From I-91 North or South: Take Exit 13B Riverdale Street/Route 5 South. Hotel will be 1/4 mile ahead on the right.

October 8 **DANVERS SHERATON FERNCROFT** **Tel: 978-777-2500**

50 FERNCROFT ROAD, DANVERS, MA 01923

From I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Route 128 North to I-95 North, and follow directions below from I-95 North.

From I-95 South: Take Exit 50 (Route 1 South/Newbury Street). Follow exit ramp for approximately 7/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

From I-95 North: Take Exit 50, Topsfield. Bear left at Route 1 South. Take first right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

From Route 1 North (Boston): Take I-95 North, and follow directions above from I-95 North.

From Route 114 West: Take Route 1 North, staying right past the exit for I-95 North. Take next left exit toward Route 1 South. Take first right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

October 9 **MARLBOROUGH COURTYARD MARRIOTT** **Tel: 508-480-0015**

75 FELTON STREET, MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

From I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Exit 11A onto I-495 North. Follow directions below from I-495 North or South.

From Worcester: Take I-290 East to I-495 South.

From I-495 North or South: Take Exit 24B (Route 20 West). Take first right onto Felton Street (just before gas station). Hotel will be immediately on the right.

October 20 **BRAINTREE SHERATON** **Tel: 781-848-0600**

37 FORBES ROAD, BRAINTREE, MA 02184

From Boston & Route 3: Take I-93 South to Exit 6 (Route 37). Bear right off exit. Turn right at the first set of lights onto Forbes Road. The hotel will be on the left.

From I-90: Take Exit 14 (I-95 South). Follow I-95 South (becomes I-93 North toward Braintree). Take Exit 6 (Route 37). Bear right off of the exit. Turn right at the first set of lights onto Forbes Road. The hotel will be on the left.

October 21 **WEST SPRINGFIELD CLARION** **Tel: 413-781-8750**

1050 RIVERDALE STREET, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01809

From I-90 (Mass Pike) East or West: Take Exit 4 and follow signs for Riverdale Street (Route 5 South). Hotel will be 1 1/4 miles up on the right.

From I-91 North or South: Take Exit 13B Riverdale Street/Route 5 South. Hotel will be 1/4 mile ahead on the right.

October 22 **TAUNTON HOLIDAY INN** **Tel: 508-823-0430**

700 MYLES STANDISH BOULEVARD, TAUNTON, MA 02780

From Route 24 North or South: Take Exit 14B onto I-495 North. Follow directions below from I-495 North.

From I-95 North or South: Take Exit 6A onto I-495 South. Follow directions below from I-495 South.

From I-495 North: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Take left off ramp, go over the highway. At lights, turn right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be ahead on the right.

From I-495 South: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Bear right off exit ramp. Take first right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be ahead on the right.

October 23 **PEABODY MARRIOTT** **Tel: 978-977-9700**

8A CENTENNIAL DRIVE, PEABODY, MA 01960

From Route 1 North or South: Take Route 1 to I-95 North.

From Route I-95 North: Take I-95 toward Gloucester. At fork for I-95 and Route 128, take the fork onto Route 128 North toward Gloucester.

From Route 128 North or South: Take Exit 28 (Forest Street/Centennial Drive); turn right onto Centennial Drive. Stay in the right lane. Turn right at the stoplight. Hotel entrance is the first driveway on the right.