### Biology

Grade 10 Spring 2024

### Your Child's Achievement Level: Exceeding Expectations

Your Child's Score: 547

#### 547 Not Meeting Partially Meeting Meeting Exceeding 440 530 560 470 **500** Expectations Expectations Expectations **Expectations** A student who performed at this A student who performed at this A student who performed at this A student who performed at level did not meet grade-level level partially met grade-level level met grade-level expectations this level exceeded grade-level expectations in this subject. expectations in this subject. and is academically on track to expectations by demonstrating succeed in the current grade in this mastery of the subject matter. The school, in consultation with The school, in consultation with the subject. the student's parent/guardian, student's parent/guardian, should should determine the coordinated consider whether the student needs academic assistance and/or additional academic assistance to additional instruction the student succeed in this subject. needs to succeed in this subject. The horizontal gray bar shown in the graphics above and below show the range of likely scores your child



The tables on the left and below show how your child performed on their test, compared to 9th- and 10th-grade students who took the Biology or Introductory Physics test for the first time in 2024 in their school, district, and state.

## Spring 2024 MCAS Tests **Parent/Guardian Report**

Name:	District:
SASID:	School:
Date of Birth:	Grade:
Local Student ID:	

This report provides your child's results from the spring 2024 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) grade 10 test administration in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics and in Biology or Introductory Physics, which students are eligible to take in the 9th or 10th grade.

The following MCAS graduation requirements are determined by a student's original graduating class, which is assigned when they first enter a Massachusetts high school (grade 9 for most students).

Students in the classes of 2026–2030 must meet the following requirements in ELA, Mathematics, and Science to be eligible for a high school diploma (in addition to meeting all local graduation requirements):

- an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) in ELA.
- requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) in Mathematics.
- earn a scaled score of 470 or higher on the Biology or Introductory Physics test.

Students in the classes of 2025 and earlier must meet the MCAS graduation requirements available at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/graduation.html.

Students may also participate in the high school MCAS tests for scholarship purposes. Students' first attempt at taking a high school test in ELA, Mathematics, and Science will be used for the eligibility criteria for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. More information about scholarships is available at www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships.

The boxes below show your child's Competency Determination status for graduation in each subject. If your child requires an Educational Proficiency Plan in ELA or Mathematics, information on the requirements is available at www.doe.mass.edu/assessment/epp. Information about graduation requirements is available at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/graduation.html. If you have questions about your child's performance, we encourage you to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss the results.

### Your Child's Overall Results in Grade

Mat	English Language Arts
And met the requirement	PASSED and met the MCAS graduation requirement in this subject
Meeting	Meeting Expectations
	Score
	527
(Score F	(Score Range: 440-560)
Grow	Growth Percentile
	70
Detail	Details on page 2

### How your child performed in each reporting category, on the science practices, and on each test question

Reporting Category	Points Earned by Your Child	Average Points in School	Average Points in District	Average Points in State	Total Possible Points	Average Points at Meeting Expectations*

\* Average number of points earned statewide by students at or near a score of 500, at the low end of the Meeting Expectations level. <sup>+</sup> Information about the science practices is available at <u>www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/practice-categories.html</u>.

### **Individual Test Questions**

their school, district, and state.

Score

Your Child's

Grade

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Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	
Reporting Category																																	
Practice Category																																	
Points Earned																																	

Key Points Earned: x/y = x points earned out of y possible points; Blank space = no answer

would receive if he or she took the test multiple times.

School

Average Score

District

State

Achievement

This table shows how your child performed compared to students in

Year

2024

Practice Categories: A = Investigations and Questioning; B = Mathematics and Data; C = Evidence, Reasoning, and Modeling; "/" = Practice Category Not Assessed

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What is MCAS and how are test results used?

MCAS is the Commonwealth's standards-based assessment program. MCAS has the following primary purposes:

- To help families see whether their children are making expected academic progress
- arade-level expectations • To help the state direct resources to schools that need support
- are eligible for a high school diploma) and to determine whether students have met the state's scholarship eligibility requirements

### Where can you find more information?

www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents/



• earn a scaled score of 486 or higher on the ELA test or retest; or earn a scaled score of 470-485 on the ELA test or retest and fulfill the requirements of

• earn a scaled score of 486 or higher on the Mathematics test or retest; or earn a scaled score of 470–485 on the Mathematics test or retest and fulfill the

### thematics

PASSED ne MCAS graduation ent in this subject

### **Expectations**

Score

#### 514

Range: 440-560)

th Percentile

#### 57

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### Biology

PASSED and met the MCAS graduation requirement in this subject

### Exceeding Expectations

Score

#### 547

(Score Range: 440-560)

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• To help educators identify areas of the curriculum where students are learning well and areas where students may need additional assistance to meet

• At the high school level, to determine whether students have met the state requirements for the Competency Determination (that is, whether students



### How your child performed in each reporting category and on each individual test question

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Reporting Category	Points Earned by Your Child	Average Points in School	Average Points in District	Average Points in State	Total Possible Points	Average Points at Meeting Expectations*
Language (LA) <sup>†</sup>						
Reading (RE)						
Writing (WR)‡						

<sup>†</sup> The Language reporting category includes the standard English convention scores from essays. <sup>‡</sup> The Writing reporting category is based on the idea development scores.

\* Average number of points earned statewide by students at or near a score of 500, at the low end of the Meeting Expectations level.

60

State Avg.

60

80

99

40

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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 ID 8 CV 8 ID 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 **Question Number** 1 2 3 4 5 10 11 Reporting Category Points Earned Key Points Earned: x/y = x points earned out of y possible points; Blank space = no answer; ID = Essay idea development score; CV = Essay conventions score

Reporting Category	Points Earned by Your Child	Average Points in School	Average Points in District	Average Points in State	Total Possible Points	Average Points at Meeting Expectations*
Algebra and Functions (AF)						
Geometry (GE)						
Number and Quantity (NQ)						
Statistics and Probability (SP)						

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### **Mathematics**

# Your Child's Achievement Level: Meeting Expectations



### 2024 Student Growth Percentiles

The student growth percentile (1–99) compares your child's progress to the progress of other students with similar prior MCAS scores.



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