

Spring 2019 MCAS Tests Parent/Guardian Report



Name:
SASID:
Date of Birth:

District:
School:
Grade:

This report provides your child's results on the new, next-generation Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and on one of the four Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) tests in Biology, Introductory Physics, Chemistry, or Technology/Engineering. The ELA and Mathematics tests are aligned to the 2017 Massachusetts curriculum frameworks and are designed to measure students' readiness for college and careers. Like the previous (legacy) tests, the new tests are also used as a high school graduation requirement.

The next-generation ELA and Mathematics test results are reported on a different scale and use new achievement levels, as displayed on pages 2 and 3 of this report. (High school STE tests, on page 4, are reported the same way that they were in previous years.) Even though the ELA and Mathematics tests are new, the minimum passing standard is currently set at the equivalent of last year's minimum passing standard. In other words, **students who were sophomores and freshmen in spring 2019 must meet the same MCAS graduation requirements as the classes who came before them.** To be eligible to receive a high school diploma, students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 must meet the following MCAS graduation requirements (in addition to meeting all local graduation requirements):

- Pass the next-generation ELA and Mathematics tests in one of two ways:
 - earn a next-generation score that is comparable to a score of *Proficient* or higher on the legacy MCAS tests; or
 - earn a next-generation score that is comparable to a score of *Needs Improvement* and fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP). Information on EPP requirements is available at www.doe.mass.edu/ccr/epp/.
- Pass a high school STE test by earning a score of *Needs Improvement* or higher.

The boxes below show your child's test status for graduation for each subject. If you have questions about your child's performance, we encourage you to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss the results and retest opportunities, if needed. Please see the letter from Commissioner Jeffrey Riley, included with this report, for more information about high school graduation requirements and the transition to next-generation MCAS tests.

Your Child's Overall Results in Grade

English Language Arts

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Growth Percentile

[Details on page 2](#)

Mathematics

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Growth Percentile

[Details on page 3](#)

Science and Technology/Engineering

Score

(Score range: 200-280)

[Details on page 4](#)

What is MCAS and how are test results used?

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

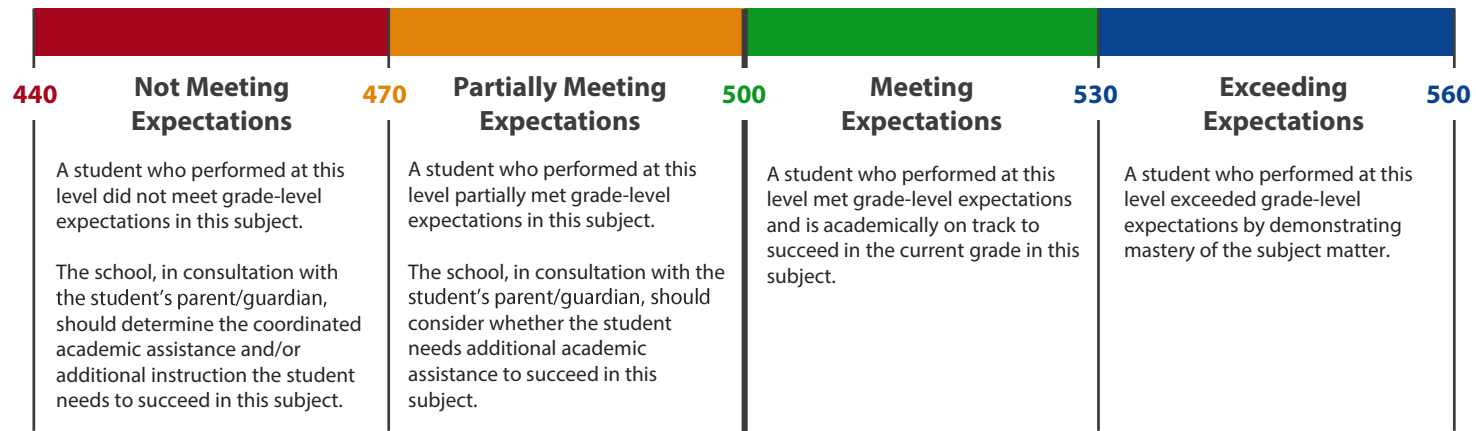
- To help families see whether their children are making expected academic progress
- To help educators identify areas of the curriculum where students are learning well and areas where students may need additional assistance to meet grade-level expectations
- To help the state direct resources to schools that need support
- At the high school level, to determine whether students have met the state requirements for the Competency Determination (that is, whether students are eligible for a high school diploma)
- At the high school level, to determine whether students have met one of the eligibility requirements for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award

Where can you find more information?

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

Your Child's Achievement Level:

Your Child's Score:



The horizontal gray bars in the graphics above and below show the range of likely scores your child would receive if they took the test multiple times.

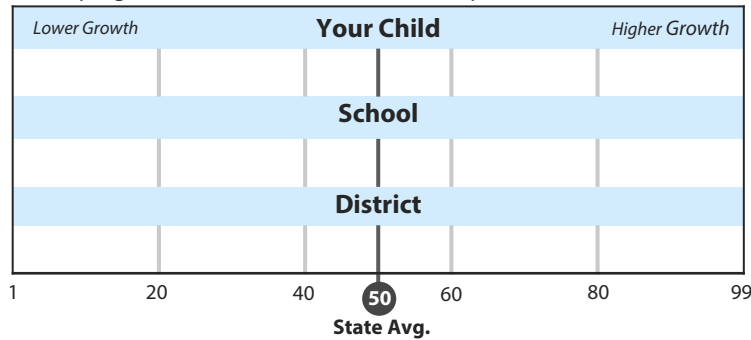
Achievement

This table shows how your child performed compared to students in their school, district, and state.

Your Child's		Year	Average Score		
Grade	Score		School	District	State
		2019			

2019 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.



How your child performed in each reporting category and on each individual 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 Earned*
Reading						
Language †						
Writing ‡						

† The Language reporting category includes the standard English convention scores.
 ‡ The Writing reporting category is based on the idea development scores.

Individual Test Questions

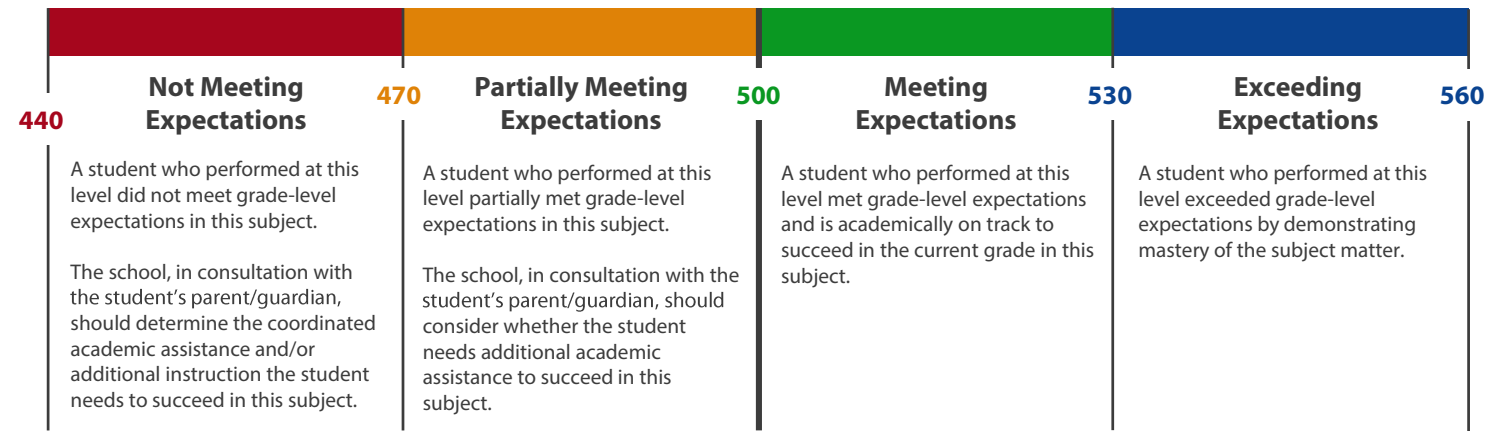
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Points Earned																																		

Key x/y = x points earned out of y possible points Blank space = no answer
 ID = Essay idea development score CV = Essay conventions score
 ● = This question was not scored and did not count toward your child's results.

Go online to access released test questions at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html.

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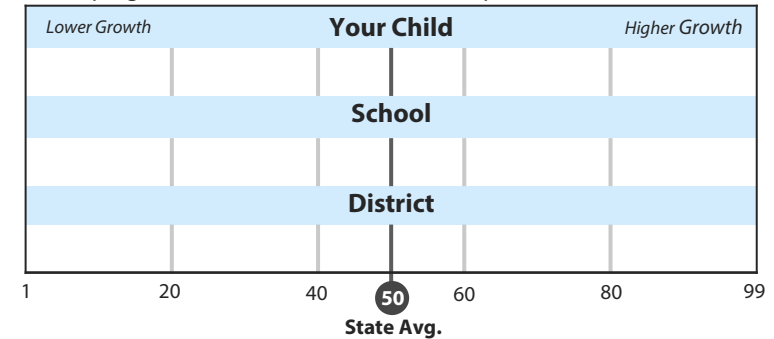
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Number and Quantity						
Algebra and Functions						
Geometry						
Statistics and Probability						

*Average number of points earned statewide by students at the low end of the Meeting Expectations level.

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