

## Item Release Policies and Plans for Massachusetts Assessments

	MCAS (spring tests)	PARCC (spring tests)
<b>Test items</b>	<p><b>Grades 3–8 ELA, Math, and Science</b> Approximately 50% of the common items are released.</p> <p><b>High school ELA, Math, and Science</b> 100% of common items are released, with the exception of Chemistry</p>	<p><b>Grades 3–11 ELA and Math</b> PARCC will release the equivalent of one form (test) per grade. The released “form” is composed of items across multiple operational forms.</p>
<b>Sample student work and annotations</b>	<p><b>ELA</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Math and Science</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>ELA</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Math</b> 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.</p>
<b>Access to items and student work</b>	Available to the public on the Department’s website.	Available to the public on the PARCC website.
<b>Schedule for release</b>	<p><b>Test items:</b> Early summer to coincide with release of preliminary results</p> <p><b>Scoring rubrics, student work, and annotations:</b> Early fall</p>	End of October for all materials (2015 only; schedule for future years TBD)