**Questions and Answers & Notes from Chat**

**Webinar: Remote Learning in Secondary Science & Technology/Engineering**

**Date: May 21, 2020**

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|  | **Question** | **Answer** |
| 1 | How should districts use the prerequisite standards? Can districts prioritize standards? | Districts should use their scope and sequence to identify the standards already taught and compare them with the prerequisite standards to create an implementation plan for the remainder of the school year. |
| 3 | Where can I find the document that provides a list of prerequisite standards for each grade? | The document can be found here: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/learn-at-home.html> |
| 4 | What is happening with MCAS? | MCAS has been cancelled for this school year. We do not have information regarding changes in MCAS in 2020-2021 at this time. |
| 5 | I teach 9th grade Biology, and my students usually take the MCAS Bio at the end of their freshman year. Is there any guidance about what and when these students could be held accountable? | On Tuesday (5/26), The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) will be discussing “ High School MCAS Testing Plans and Proposed Modifications to Competency Determination Requirement Due to COVID-19 Emergency”. Commissioner Riley will update the Board on plans for the classes of 2021-2023 and present recommendations for the CD requirements in science and technology/engineering for those classes.  Last month the Board voted to approve modified competency determination (CD) requirements for the class of 2020, this year’s high school seniors.  Webpage direct link to May board materials: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/docs/fy2020/2020-05/> |
| 6 | Is DESE looking at modifying standards for next year due to the real possibility we will have less facetime with students next year (maybe alternate days) or continued distance learning. | Not at this time. |
| 7 | Will there be summer learning plans from DESE or from others? | DESE will put out guidance soon. |
| 8 | Additional Resources shared by participants | *Resources shared by participants in chat:*   * PBS Learning Media * The ACS (American Chemical Society) |
| 9 | How do I sign up for the STEM newsletter? | Please sign up here, <http://www.doe.mass.edu/resources/newsletter-signup.aspx>. Scroll down to the Curriculum, Instruction, and District Support section.  Email STEM Highlights to Alicia Wedderburn at [alicia.wedderburn@mass.gov](mailto:alicia.wedderburn@mass.gov) |
| 10 | Can you talk a little more about CURATE? | [CURATE](http://www.doe.mass.edu/instruction/curate/) (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers) is a process where DESE convene panels of Massachusetts teachers to review and rate evidence on the quality and alignment of specific curricular materials, then publish their findings for educators across the Commonwealth to consult. STE information can be found here: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/instruction/curate/?section=ste> |
| 11 | Will the chat be shared? | The relevant links and ideas shared in the chat are included in the answers above. |