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# *High School Chemistry Test*

The spring 2022 high school Chemistry test was a legacy assessment that was based on learning standards in the Chemistry content strand of the October 2006 version of the *Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework*. The 2006 framework is available on the Department website at [www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/archive.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/archive.html). Massachusetts adopted a new curriculum framework in science and technology/engineering in 2016. A plan for transitioning the MCAS assessments to the new framework is available at [www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/sci.html?section=transition](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/sci.html?section=transition).

Chemistry test results are reported under the following four MCAS reporting categories:

- Atomic Structure and Periodicity
- Bonding and Reactions
- Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry
- Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory

The table at the conclusion of this document indicates each item's reporting category and the framework learning standard each item assesses. In order to support future test development, items from the spring 2022 Chemistry test are not included in this publication. The omission of these items will have no impact on the reporting of results.

## **Test Sessions**

The high school Chemistry test included two separate test sessions. Each session included multiple-choice and open-response questions.

## **Reference Materials and Tools**

Each student taking the high school Chemistry test was provided with a Chemistry Formula and Constants Sheet/Periodic Table of the Elements. Copies of both sides of this formula sheet appear on the following pages.

Each student also had sole access to a calculator with at least four functions and a square-root key.

During both Chemistry test sessions, the use of bilingual word-to-word dictionaries was allowed for current and former English learner students only. No other reference tools or materials were allowed.

**Common Polyatomic Ions**

<b>Ion</b>	<b>Ionic Formula</b>
<b>Ammonium</b>	$\text{NH}_4^+$
<b>Carbonate</b>	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$
<b>Hydroxide</b>	$\text{OH}^-$
<b>Nitrate</b>	$\text{NO}_3^-$
<b>Phosphate</b>	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$
<b>Sulfate</b>	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$

**Combined Gas Law:**  $\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$

**Ideal Gas Law:**  $PV = nRT$

**Dilution Formula:**  $M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2$

**Molar Volume of Ideal Gas at STP:** 22.4 L/mol

**Ideal Gas Constant:**  $R = 0.0821 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm/mol} \cdot \text{K} = 8.31 \text{ L} \cdot \text{kPa/mol} \cdot \text{K}$

**STP:** 1 atm (101.3 kPa), 273 K (0°C)

**Absolute Temperature Conversion:**  $\text{K} = ^\circ\text{C} + 273$

**Definition of pH:**  $\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log [\text{H}^+]$

**Avogadro's Number:**  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles/mol

**Nuclear Symbols**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Symbol</b>
<b>Alpha particle</b>	$\alpha$ or ${}^4_2\text{He}$
<b>Beta particle</b>	$\beta$ or ${}^0_{-1}e$
<b>Gamma ray</b>	$\gamma$
<b>Neutron</b>	${}^1_0n$



# Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System

## Periodic Table of the Elements

Group (Family)

Period	1A	2A	8B										3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	H 1.01 Hydrogen																	He 4.00 Helium		
2	Li 6.94 Lithium	Be 9.01 Beryllium																	Ne 20.18 Neon	
3	Na 22.99 Sodium	Mg 24.31 Magnesium	Al 26.98 Aluminum	Si 28.09 Silicon	P 30.97 Phosphorus	S 32.06 Sulfur	Cl 35.45 Chlorine	Ar 39.95 Argon											Kr 83.80 Krypton	
4	K 39.10 Potassium	Ca 40.08 Calcium	Sc 44.96 Scandium	Ti 47.88 Titanium	V 50.94 Vanadium	Cr 52.00 Chromium	Mn 54.94 Manganese	Fe 55.85 Iron	Co 58.93 Cobalt	Ni 58.69 Nickel	Cu 63.55 Copper	Zn 65.39 Zinc	Ga 69.72 Gallium	Ge 72.59 Germanium	As 74.92 Arsenic	Se 78.96 Selenium	Br 79.90 Bromine		Xe 131.29 Xenon	
5	Rb 85.47 Rubidium	Sr 87.62 Strontium	Y 88.91 Yttrium	Zr 91.22 Zirconium	Nb 92.91 Niobium	Mo 95.94 Molybdenum	Tc (99) Technetium	Ru 101.07 Ruthenium	Rh 102.91 Rhodium	Pd 106.42 Palladium	Ag 107.87 Silver	Cd 112.41 Cadmium	In 114.82 Indium	Sn 118.71 Tin	Sb 121.75 Antimony	Te 127.60 Tellurium	I 126.91 Iodine			
6	Cs 132.91 Cesium	Ba 137.33 Barium		Hf 178.49 Hafnium	Ta 180.95 Tantalum	W 183.85 Tungsten	Re 186.21 Rhenium	Os 190.23 Osmium	Ir 192.22 Iridium	Pt 195.08 Platinum	Au 196.97 Gold	Hg 200.59 Mercury	Tl 204.38 Thallium	Pb 207.2 Lead	Bi 208.98 Bismuth	Po (209) Polonium	At (210) Astatine			
7	Fr (223) Francium	Ra (226) Radium		Rf (267) Rutherfordium	Db (268) Dubnium	Sg (271) Seaborgium	Bh (272) Bohrium	Hs (277) Hassium	Mt (276) Meitnerium	Ds (281) Darmstadtium	Rg (280) Roentgenium									

Mass numbers in parentheses are those of the most stable or most common isotope.

**Lanthanide Series**  
La 138.91  
Ce 140.12  
Pr 140.91  
Nd 144.24  
Pm (145)  
Sm 150.36  
Eu 151.96  
Gd 157.25  
Tb 158.93  
Dy 162.50  
Ho 164.93  
Er 167.26  
Tm 168.93  
Yb 173.04  
Lu 174.97

**Actinide Series**  
Ac (227)  
Th 232.04  
Pa 231.04  
U 238.03  
Np (237)  
Pu (244)  
Am (243)  
Cm (247)  
Bk (247)  
Cf (251)  
Es (252)  
Fm (257)  
Md (258)  
No (259)  
Lr (262)  
Ra (226)  
Ac (227)  
Th (232.04)  
Pa (231.04)  
U (238.03)  
Np (237)  
Pu (244)  
Am (243)  
Cm (247)  
Bk (247)  
Cf (251)  
Es (252)  
Fm (257)  
Md (258)  
No (259)  
Lr (262)

\*Revised based on IUPAC Commission on Atomic Weights and Isotopic Abundances, "Atomic Weights of the Elements 2007."

**High School Chemistry**  
**Spring 2022 Unreleased Operational Items:**  
**Reporting Categories and Standards**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Reporting Category</b>	<b>2006 Standard</b>
1	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.2
2	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	1.1
3	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	7.5
4	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	3.2
5	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	6.1
6	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.5
7	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	6.5
8	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.6
9	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	3.4
10	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	8.2
11	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.1
12	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.1
13	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	8.4
14	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	8.2
15	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.6
16	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	7.6
17	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.4
18	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	6.3
19	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	1.1
20	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.4
21	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.2
22	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.6
23	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	6.4
24	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.3
25	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	3.2
26	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.5
27	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.1
28	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	6.2
29	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.1
30	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.3
31	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	4.2
32	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.3
33	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	1.3
34	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	8.3
35	<i>Bonding and Reactions</i>	5.5
36	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	7.4
37	<i>Properties of Matter and Thermochemistry</i>	1.2
38	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	3.1
39	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	3.3
40	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.7

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Reporting Category</b>	<b>2006 Standard</b>
41	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	7.3
42	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.3
43	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	7.2
44	<i>Solutions, Equilibrium, and Acid-Base Theory</i>	8.2
45	<i>Atomic Structure and Periodicity</i>	2.4