

# MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt)Fall 2025 Training for Educators and Administrators

Educators and administrators should attend virtual training sessions in October 2025 to prepare for administering the 2026 MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt) for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities.

All MCAS-Alt fall training opportunities are described below and include registration links.

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| **Sessions and Topics to be Covered** | **Training Dates/Times Registration Links** | **Intended Audience** | **Recommended****Read-Ahead Materials** |
| **Introduction to the MCAS-Alt Core Concepts**Describes in depth the process of completing an MCAS-Alt for students | [Thursday, October 9](https://cognia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ERLvdla2RIu5bHCWBqhSgQ)Part A: 9:00–10:30 a.m. Part B: 1:00–2:30 p.m. | Educators who have not recently administered an MCAS-Alt | [2026 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.pdf)[Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) |
| **English Language Arts—Writing for the MCAS-Alt**Describes in depth the process of assessing writing skills for the MCAS-Alt ELA requirements | [Friday, October 10](https://cognia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6IookB1tQLe8FXUEoACZ_A) 9:00–10:30 a.m. | All educators seeking support assessing students’ writing skills | [2026 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.pdf)[Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx)[English Language](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ela.docx) [Arts and Literacy](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/resources.html) [(PreK–Grade 12)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ela.docx) Resource Guide |
| **Science and Technology/ Engineering for the MCAS-Alt**Describes in depth the process of assessing Science for the MCAS-Alt | [Wednesday, October 15](https://cognia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RVejpKoIQ5eJ_qE62VQPVg) 9:00–10:30 a.m. | All educators assessing students in Science and Tech/Eng in grades 5, 8, and high school | [2026 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.pdf)[Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx)[Science and](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ste-3-8-hsbio-nextgen.docx) [Technology/Engine](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/resources.html)er-[ing (STE)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ste-3-8-hsbio-nextgen.docx) Resource Guide |
| **Civics for the MCAS-Alt**Describes in-depth the process of assessing Civics for the MCAS-Alt | [Thursday, October 16](https://cognia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jauz0WrUT8OdkqtJ1n414A) 9:00–10:30 a.m. | All educators administering the MCAS-Alt for students in grade 8 | [2026 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx)[Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.pdf)[Civics](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/resources.html) Resource guide (Grade 8) |

The registration links above require attendee contact information. If you have difficulty registering, please contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103.

A Zoom link and a password will be sent to the email provided after completing the registration for each session. Video recordings of each session are currently available at the [DESE](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/resources.html) website.

If you need an ASL interpreter, please send an email request to the MCAS Events team (mcasevents@cognia.org) **at least 2 weeks prior** to the session.