

MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt) Fall 2024 Training for Educators and Administrators

Educators and administrators should attend virtual training sessions in late September through October 2024 to prepare for administering the 2025 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.

Sessions and Topics to be Covered	Training Dates/Times Registration Links	Intended Audience	Recommended Read-Ahead Materials
<p>Introduction to the MCAS-Alt Core Concepts</p> <p>Describes in depth the process of completing an MCAS-Alt for students</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 8 Part A: 9:00–10:30 a.m. Part B: 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Monday, October 21 Part A: 9:00–10:30 a.m. Part B: 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p>	Educators who have not recently administered an MCAS-Alt	2025 Educator's Manual for MCAS-Alt
<p>English Language Arts-Writing for the MCAS-Alt</p> <p>Describes in depth the process of assessing writing skills for the MCAS-Alt ELA requirements</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 9 10:00–11:30 a.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Tuesday, October 22 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p>	All educators seeking support assessing students' writing skills	<p>2025 Educator's Manual for MCAS-Alt</p> <p>English Language Arts and Literacy (PreK–Grade 12) Resource Guide</p>
<p>Science and Technology/Engineering for the MCAS-Alt</p> <p>Describes in depth the process of assessing Science for the MCAS-Alt</p>	<p>Thursday, October 10 9:30–11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wednesday, October 23 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p>	All educators assessing students in Science and Tech/Eng in grades 5, 8, and high school	<p>2025 Educator's Manual for MCAS-Alt</p> <p>Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) Resource Guide</p>
<p>Civics for the MCAS-Alt</p> <p>Describes all requirements and the process of assessing Civics for the MCAS-Alt</p>	<p>Thursday, October 10 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wednesday, October 23 9:30–11:00 a.m.</p>	All educators administering the MCAS-Alt for students in grade 8	<p>2025 Educator's Manual for MCAS-Alt</p> <p>Civics Resource guide (Grade 8)</p>

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<p>MCAS-Alt Update</p> <p>Covers important new requirements for the 2025 MCAS-Alt test administration</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 1 9:30–11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Thursday, October 3 1:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Monday, October 7 9:30–11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Educators that have completed at least one MCAS-Alt last school year</p>	<p>2025 Educator's Manual for MCAS-Alt</p>
<p>Administrators Overview</p> <p>Provides a general review of the MCAS-Alt requirements and how school administrators can oversee the administration</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 9 1:30–3:00 p.m.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Tuesday, October 22 9:30–11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Principals, special education administrators, and educators that supervise MCAS test administration</p>	<p>2025 Principal's Manual for MCAS-Alt</p>

Registration

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

For improved security, a Zoom link and a password will be provided after completing the registration for each session. Closed captioning transcripts and video recordings will be available within 10-14 days of each session at the [DESE](#) 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.

For educators interested in conducting the grade-level and competency portfolios, please contact the Office of Student Assessment at mcas@mass.gov.