**November 2024 ELA and Mathematics Retest Participation Guidelines**

| **Eligibility** | **Retest Participation Guidelines** |
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| **Eligible to participate for** [**Competency Determination (CD) purposes**](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/graduation.html) | * Students repeating grade 10 who were previously counted[[1]](#footnote-2) in participation results and have not yet earned their CD in ELA and/or Mathematics * Students in grade 11 or 12 who have not yet earned a passing score in ELA and/or Mathematics * Adults who have exited high school and have not yet earned their CD in ELA and/or Mathematics |
| **Eligible to participate to qualify for the** [**Adams Scholarship**](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/adams/default.html) | * Students who are repeating grade 10, and students in grade 11 or grade 12[[2]](#footnote-3) who are testing for the first time (regardless of whether the students were reported as MED or ABS in grade 10, or are new to a Massachusetts public school) |
| **Eligible to participate to qualify for the** [**Koplik Award**](http://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/mastery/) | * Students who are repeating grade 10 and students in grade 11 or 12[[3]](#footnote-4) attempting to improve their scores for the Koplik Award |
| **Eligible to participate in ELA to qualify for the** [**Seal of Biliteracy**](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/) | * Students who are repeating grade 10, and students in grade 11 or 12 |
| **Not eligible to participate** | * Grade 9 students * First-time grade 10 students |

Note that certain scores in the Not Meeting Expectations achievement level are high enough to meet the interim CD standard in ELA and Mathematics for students in the class of 2025, and students with these scores do not need to participate in retests for CD purposes. For more information, refer to the [Massachusetts Graduation Requirements](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/graduation.html) page on the Department’s website.

1. For the purpose of these guidelines, a student is defined as having counted in a school’s participation results if they were reported on an MCAS Student Roster (All Subjects) (report “PE617” in Edwin Analytics) for the previous spring’s grade 10 ELA or Mathematics test with any of the following Test Status Codes: T (Tested), NTA (Not Tested Absent), NTL (Not Tested First-Year EL), NTM (Not Tested Medically Documented Absent), or the achievement level INV (test results were invalidated). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The November retests are the last opportunity for grade 12 first-time testers to qualify for the Adams Scholarship. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The November retests are the last opportunity for grade 12 students to test for Koplik award purposes. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)