



# WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## 2021 MCAS Administration Information

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Dear Westport Learning Community:

This letter contains information regarding the 2021 MCAS landscape in the Westport Community Schools. While we recognize that this is an unprecedented school year in which we continue to work to meet students' academic, social and emotional needs, we are obligated to comply with directives from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) with regard to mandatory state testing. At this time, it is DESE's expectation that students will complete MCAS testing in person with the necessary health and safety precautions. This directive is based on current information, and is subject to change.

As you may already know, the transition from MCAS "Legacy" paper-based testing (PBT) to MCAS "Next Generation" computer-based testing (CBT) continues. This year, in response to the cancellation of the spring 2020 MCAS, DESE has prioritized testing sessions for current juniors and seniors working to earn the Competency Determination. Please see the breakdown below for all applicable grade levels.

Grades	Assessment and Format	Testing Window
Grades 11 and 12	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	January 14 – February 5
Grade 10 (Retesting for 11 and 12)	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	Projected May 18-27
Grade 9	Biology (CBT)	Projected February and June
Grades 3-8	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT) Science and Technology/Engineering (CBT)	Projected April-May

For students in the classes of 2020–2023, per the MA Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Biology MCAS requirement will be awarded upon demonstration of course credit in the relevant subject matter. Biology MCAS testing will occur only for grade nine students (class of 2024) in February and June. For more information, visit <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/>, and for information pertaining to accessibility features and accommodations, visit <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/accessibility/>.

Although the coming months will present a variety of challenges, we are confident that students will rise to the occasion! Additional details will be communicated in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school should you have any questions regarding these upcoming, mandatory assessments.

Sincerely,  
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