

Green Meadows School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MCAS testing is just around the corner. Students in grades 3 - 8 are required to take this state test in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 are required to take the Science Technology Engineering (STE) test. All students will be taking a computer-based test. For additional information, please see the link to the Parent's Guide to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment (MCAS) on the district website.

On the ELA test, students will be asked to complete multiple choice questions, short written responses, and narrative and text-based essays. The ELA test will be administered in two sessions. In the area of mathematics, students will be asked to complete multiple choice, multiple select, short answer, and open-response questions. The Math test will be administered in two sessions. All test sessions will start at the beginning of the school day. Sessions generally take between 60-120 minutes depending on the grade level. These tests are untimed so students can work at their own pace until they have completed each session. Test sessions must be completed by the end of the school day. The test administration schedule is:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>
ELA	3	Monday, April 8	Tuesday, April 9
ELA	4	Wednesday, April 10	Thursday, April 11
ELA	5	Wednesday, April 24	Thursday, April 25
ELA	6-8	Tuesday, April 2	Wednesday, April 3
Math	3	Thursday, May 9	Friday, May 10
Math	4	Tuesday, May 7	Wednesday, May 8
Math	5	Monday, May 13	Tuesday, May 14
Math	6-8	Tuesday, April 30	Wednesday, May 1
STE	5	Thursday, May 16	Friday, May 17
STE	8	Monday, May 20	Tuesday, May 21

It is important that all students are present and on time for these tests. Additionally, they should try to get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast the day of testing. Students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for the MCAS exams. We are confident that all our students will try their best and do well! If you have any questions regarding the MCAS test, please feel free to call us at 566-3263.

Sincerely,

Ms. Moberg and Mr. Villamaino