



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2019 MCAS Administration Information

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This letter contains information regarding the 2019 MCAS assessment landscape in the Westport Community Schools. 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, students in grade ten will experience CBT, and grade nine students will also complete a computer-based field test pilot following completion of the official administration. Please find a breakdown of the District’s assessment schedule below.

Grade Level	Assessment and Format	Dates
Three	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	April 2, 3 April 29, 30
Four	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	April 4, 5 May 1, 2
Five	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT) Science and Technology/Engineering (CBT)	April 23, 24 May 3, 6 May 20, 21
Six	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	April 25, 26 May 15, 16
Seven	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	April 8, 9 May 7, 8
Eight	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT) Science and Technology/Engineering (CBT)	April 10, 11 May 9, 10 May 14, 15
Nine	Biology (PBT) Biology Field Test (CBT)	June 4, 5 June 11
Ten	ELA (CBT) Math (CBT)	March 26, 27 May 21, 22

As always, students should receive a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to testing. In addition, it is imperative that students arrive on-time in order to begin the scheduled assessments promptly, and on the prescribed testing dates.

For more information regarding the Next Generation MCAS, as well as information pertaining to accessibility features and accommodations, please visit the DESE website:
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/nextgen/default.html>.

Although the spring season will present a series of challenging assessments for students, we are confident that they will rise to the occasion! 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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