**2025–26 Initial Statewide Testing Schedule**

***Please check the*** [*DESE website*](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html) ***in fall 2025 for any updates.***

 **November 2025 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **ELA** | Recommended dates: * ELA Session 1: **November 5**
* ELA Session 2: **November 6**

Test administration window:* **November 5–18[[1]](#footnote-2)\***
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| **Mathematics**  | Recommended dates: * Mathematics Session 1: **November 12**
* Mathematics Session 2: **November 13**

Test administration window:* **November 12–18\***
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**February 2026 MCAS Science Tests**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **Biology** | Recommended dates: * Biology Session 1: **February 3**
* Biology Session 2: **February 4**

Test administration window:* **February 3–9\***
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| **Introductory Physics** | Recommended dates: * Introductory Physics Sess. 1: **February 3**
* Introductory Physics Sess. 2: **February 4**

Test administration window:* **February 3–9\***
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**March 2026 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **ELA** | Recommended dates: * ELA Session 1: **March 3**
* ELA Session 2: **March 4**

Test administration window:* **March 3–11\***
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**March 2026 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests (continued)**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **Mathematics**  | Recommended dates: * Mathematics Session 1: **March 5**
* Mathematics Session 2: **March 6**

Test administration window:* **March 5–11**[[2]](#footnote-3)\*
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**Spring 2026 MCAS Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics Tests, Grades 5 and 8 STE Tests, and Grade 8 Civics Test**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **ELA** *Note that ELA will be administered earlier than Mathematics and STE.* | **March 23–April 17** |
| **Mathematics**  | **April 27–May 22** |
| **STE**  | **April 27–May 22** |
| **Civics** * **State-level performance task**
* **End-of-course test**
 | **April 27–June 5** |

**Spring 2026 MCAS Grade 10 Tests**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **ELA** | Recommended dates: * ELA Session 1: **March 24**
* ELA Session 2: **March 25**

Test administration window:* **March 24–April 2\***
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| **Mathematics**  | Recommended dates: * Mathematics Session 1: **May 19**
* Mathematics Session 2: **May 20**

Test administration window:* **May 19–27\***
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**Spring 2026 MCAS High School Science Tests**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **Biology** | Recommended dates: * Biology Session 1: **June 2**
* Biology Session 2: **June 3**

Test administration window:* **June 2–10\***
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**Spring 2026 MCAS High School Science Tests (continued)**

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| **Subject Area**  | **Initial Test Administration Window** |
| **Introductory Physics** | Recommended dates: * Introductory Physics Sess. 1: June 2
* Introductory Physics Sess. 2: June 3

Test administration window:* **June 2–10[[3]](#footnote-4)\***
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**2026 ACCESS for ELLs**

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| **Grades K–12**  |
| **ACCESS for ELLs**  | **January 7–February 13** |

**2026 MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt)**

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| **Grades 3–8 and High School** |
| **MCAS-Alt submission deadline** | **March 27** |

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