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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)\*** |
| **Mathematics** | Recommended dates:   * Mathematics Session 1: **November 12** * Mathematics Session 2: **November 13**   Test administration window:   * **November 12–18\*** |

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

**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\*** |

**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)\* |

**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\*** |
| **Mathematics** | Recommended dates:   * Mathematics Session 1: **May 19** * Mathematics Session 2: **May 20**   Test administration window:   * **May 19–27\*** |

**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\*** |

**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)\*** |

**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** |

1. \* New for 2025–26, high school tests will be conducted within allowable windows, and DESE is providing recommended dates instead of prescribed dates. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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