

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

**January 2025 Review Sessions**

Educators assessing students with the MCAS-Alt should attend virtual or in-person sessions to receive feedback and guidance to ensure the assessments are accurately and correctly administered.

**Due to the limited number of reviewers, we are asking educators to choose *one* format (virtual or in-person) to ensure everyone has an opportunity to receive feedback.**

All MCAS-Alt review sessions are described below and include registration links.

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| **Sessions and Topics to be Covered** | **Training Dates/Times Registration Links** | **Intended Audience** | **Recommended**  **Materials** |
| **In-Person MCAS-Alt Review sessions**   * Bring your students’ in-progress assessment and a tablet or laptop (*Limited outlets available for charging*) to receive feedback and discuss your students’ evidence * Share ideas for collecting high-quality evidence and data * Use this session to   to organize and assemble your students’ portfolios | [Tuesday, January 14](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCASALTW25)  8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.  **Taunton Conference Center**  700 Myles Standish Blvd Taunton, MA 02780  *(Space limited to 250 per session)*  *OR*  [Wednesday, January 15](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCASALTW25)  8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.  **Springfield Marriott Downtown**  2 Boland Way  Springfield, MA 01115  *(Space limited to 250 per session)*  *OR*  [Thursday, January 16](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCASALTW25)  8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.  **Courtyard by Marriott Boston Marlborough**  75 Felton St  Marlborough, MA 01752  *(Space limited to 225 per session)* | Educators that actively administering the MCAS-Alt to one or more students | [2025 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx)  **Resource Guides**  [English Language Arts and Literacy (PreK–Grade 12)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ela.docx)   * [Mathematics (PreK–Grade 12)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/math.docx) * [Science and Technology/Engineering (STE)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ste-3-8-hsbio-nextgen.docx) * [Civics](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/civics.docx) (Grade 8 only) |

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| **Virtual MCAS-Alt Review Sessions:**  Using Zoom, DESE trained reviewers assist educators in virtual small breakout rooms.  Each hour time slot is limited to 75 participants. Educators will be able to share their screens with the reviewers. | [Wednesday, January 22](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCASALTWVT25)  8:30a.m.–2:50 p.m.  Sign up for a single **1-hour** time block between **8:30 a.m. — 2:50 p.m.** (No sessions will be offered between 12:00 – 12:40 p.m.)  *OR*  [Thursday, January 23](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCASALTWVT25)  8:30a.m.–2:50 p.m.  Sign up for a single **1-hour** time block between **8:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.** (No sessions will be offered between 12:00 – 12:40 p.m.) | Educators that actively administering the MCAS-Alt to one or more students | [2025 Educator's](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Manual for MCAS-](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx) [Alt](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/edmanual.docx)  **Resource Guides**  [English Language Arts and Literacy (PreK–Grade 12)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ela.docx)   * [Mathematics (PreK–Grade 12)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/math.docx) * [Science and Technology/Engineering (STE)](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/ste-3-8-hsbio-nextgen.docx) * [Civics](https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/rg/civics.docx) (Grade 8 only) |

**Registration**

The registration links above require attendee contact information. If you have difficulty registering, please contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103.

If you need an ASL interpreter, please send an email request to the MCAS Events team at [mcasevents@cognia.org](mailto:mcasevents@cognia.org) no later than December 15.

**In Case of Inclement Weather:**

In-person review sessions will take place unless the school is canceled in the district in which the training session is conducted. In the event of cancellation, an email will be sent to the addressee listed on the registration.