



Winter/Early Spring 2021 Statewide Testing Schedule and Administration Deadlines

MCAS Tests, MCAS Alternate Assessment, and ACCESS for ELLs

Special January High School Administration Legacy, computer-based tests		
Students in grade 12 and adults are eligible to participate <i>updated 12/4/20</i>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the pre-administration Student Registration/ Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) process ^{1, 2}	November 9–23, 2020
	Extended pre-administration SR/PNP window for CBT	November 24, 2020–January 13, 2021
	Review Best Practices document , and based on guidance, conduct an Infrastructure Trial and download ProctorCache software (both suggested in certain circumstances)	November 16, 2020–January 6, 2021
	Receive test administration manuals, and PBT materials for accommodations	January 7
	Precache operational test content for January testing (optional; see recommendations on precaching)	
	Order additional manuals and PBT materials for accommodations, if necessary Report packing discrepancies for PBT shipments, if necessary	January 7–12
<i>Test Administration</i>	ELA and Mathematics test sessions ELA Composition Sessions A and B ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1–3 Mathematics Sessions 1 and 2	January 14–February 12 (updated 12/7/20)
	Last date for <i>all</i> make-up testing	February 5
	Deadline for updating SR/PNP information, if necessary	
<i>After Testing</i>	Mark students’ tests complete, if necessary	February 8, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline to complete the PCPA	
	For PBT accommodations: Pre-scheduled UPS pickup/pickup deadline	February 9, 5:00 p.m. ³

¹ Adult/external diploma programs, test sites, DYS/SEIS, and other high schools with a special situation should contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 to place an order for a total number of materials instead of using the SR/PNP process.

² Schools must complete the SR/PNP by November 23 in order to receive an initial shipment of manuals as well as PBT materials for students who require them. For students doing PBT, Student ID Labels cannot be generated for any students not registered in PAN by the initial SR/PNP deadline. Any updates to the SR/PNP for PBT materials after the initial SR/PNP deadline will need to be made in PAN, and PBT materials must be ordered during the additional materials window, online at www.mcasservicecenter.com.

³ A UPS driver will automatically come to each school to pick up materials on February 9. However, schools are encouraged to return materials once testing has been completed in the school.

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2021 ACCESS for ELLs Test (Grades K–12) Computer-based administration for grades 1–12, with paper alternative for students with disabilities and newcomers (kindergarten test remains paper-based)		
	WIDA AMS test setup	December 3, 2020–May 20, 2021 (updated 12/7/20)
<i>Before Testing</i>	Receive test materials (Note: Schools will not order materials.)	
	Review “ Assessment Best Practices during COVID-19 ” from WIDA for suggested ACCESS testing safety guidelines	January 4, 2021
	Order additional materials, if necessary	January 4–May 14
<i>Test Administration</i>	ACCESS for ELLs test sessions	January 7–May 20 (updated 12/7/20)
<i>After Testing</i>	Deadline to schedule UPS pickup	May 20 (updated 12/7/20)
	Deadline for UPS pickup	May 21 (updated 12/7/20)

February 2021 High School MCAS Biology Test Paper-based administration		
Students in grade 9 and adults are eligible to participate		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Complete the pre-administration SR/PNP process ⁴	December 7–18, 2020
	Receive test materials	February 1, 2021
	Report packing discrepancies, if necessary	
	Order additional materials, if necessary	February 1–4
<i>Test Administration</i>	Biology Sessions 1 and 2	February 8–26
	Last date for regular make-up testing	February 26
<i>After Testing</i>	Deadline for updating SR/PNP information, if necessary	March 1, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline to complete the PCPA	
	Pre-scheduled UPS pickup/pickup deadline	March 2, 5:00 p.m. ⁵

2021 MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt) (Grades 3–8 and high school)		
<i>Before Submission</i>	Order MCAS-Alt submission materials	January 4–15
	Receive submission materials (binders, etc.)	Week of February 22
	Complete PCPA (part 1)	Schools should complete these tasks as soon as materials are received, but have until March 24 to do so.
	Order additional materials, if necessary	
<i>Submission</i>	Deadline to complete the PCPA	Upon submission of the portfolios
	Deadline to schedule UPS pickup	March 31
	Deadline for UPS pickup	April 1

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⁵ A UPS driver will automatically come to each school to pick up materials on March 2. However, schools are encouraged to return materials once testing has been completed in the school.