



MCAS & Massachusetts High School Graduation Requirements 2020-2025 and PROPOSED 2026-2029 Requirements

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COMPETENCY DETERMINATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	Class of 2020	Class of 2021 and 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024 and 2025	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>Class of 2026-2029</u>
<u>GRADE 10</u> <u>MATHEMATICS</u>	OPTION 1 Earn a score of 240 or higher	Earn a score of 469 or higher	Earn a score of 486 or higher	Earn a score of 486 or higher	Earn a score of 486 or higher
	OPTION 2 Earn a score between 220 – 238 AND fulfill an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u> .	Earn a score between 469 - 485 AND fulfill an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Earn a score between 469 - 485 AND fulfill the requirements of an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Earn a score between 470 and 485 AND Fulfill the <u>PROPOSED Educational Proficiency Plan</u> including Algebra II or Math III
	OPTION 3 Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u> .	--	<u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 468 on multiple retests.	<u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 468 on multiple retests.	District submitted <u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 469 on multiple retests.
<u>GRADE 10</u> <u>ENGLISH</u> <u>LANGUAGE</u> <u>ARTS</u>	OPTION 1 Earn a score of 240 or higher	Earn a score of 455 or higher	Earn a score of 472 or higher	Earn a score of 472 or higher	Earn a score of 486 or higher
	OPTION 2 Earn a score between 220 – 238 AND fulfill an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u> .	Earn a score between 455 – 471 AND fulfill an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Earn a score between 455 – 471 AND fulfill the requirements of an <u>Educational Proficiency Plan</u>	Earn a score between 470 and 485 AND Fulfill the <u>PROPOSED Educational Proficiency Plan</u>
	OPTION 3 Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u> .	--	<u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 454 on multiple retests.	<u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 454 on multiple retests.	District submitted <u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 469 on multiple retests.
<u>BIOLOGY,</u> <u>CHEMISTRY,</u> <u>PHYSICS OR</u> <u>TECHNOLOGY/</u> <u>ENGINEERING</u>	OPTION 1 Earn a score of 220 or higher	Earn a score of 220 or higher (for students who took an STE test in February 2020 or earlier)	<u>Class of 2023</u> - Earn a score of 220 or higher	<u>Class of 2024 and 2025</u> - Earn a score of 220 or higher (Chemistry or Tech/Eng.), or the interim passing standard for next-gen Biology or Physics	Earn a score of 470 or higher on Biology or Chemistry MCAS. ¹
	OPTION 2 Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u>	Successful completion of an <u>accepted course</u>	Successful completion of an <u>accepted school course</u>	Retest or district submitted <u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 220.	Retest or district submitted <u>Performance Appeal</u> for students who score below 469.

¹ The Physics and Technology/Engineering STE MCAS will not be offered after June 2023. See the [Commissioner’s memo here](#).

COMPETENCY DETERMINATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA



**Meets Expectations/
Proficient on ELA and Math
Needs Improvement Science
MCAS**

Met threshold scores on ELA, Math and Science MCAS. No further actions needed.

Eligible for a High School Diploma after completing local graduation requirements



**Partially Meets
Expectations/ Needs
improvement on ELA
and/or Math MCAS**

Requires Education Proficiency Plan under 603 CMR 30.03(6) for ELA and/or Math

Eligible for a High School Diploma after completing local graduation requirements



**Not Meeting Expectations
or Warning/Failing on
ELA and/or Math MCAS**

Must retake ELA and/or Math MCAS reaching Partially Meeting Expectations/Needs Improvement score.

Requires Education Proficiency Plan under 603 CMR 30.03(6) (ELA and Math only)

Eligible for a High School Diploma after completing local graduation requirements



**Up to 4 retest attempts
ELA, Math and/or
Science MCAS**

Eligible for Performance Appeal
▶ Student must have attempted MCAS retest, 95% attendance and additional evidence.

Eligible for Portfolio Review

▶ Review of coursework in content area. Student is expected to retest.

Eligible for a High School Diploma after completing local graduation requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete all **local requirements** established by the school district including attendance, course completion and satisfactory grades
- Meet **Competency Determination** requirements for **English** language arts, **mathematics** and a discipline-specific **science** and **technology/engineering** under [603 CMR 30.00](#)

SCORES, EDUCATIONAL PROFICIENCY PLANS AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

- MCAS Annual Results and Scaled Score Conversions www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/results.html
- DESE FAQ on Modified Competency Determination – August 2021 www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/modified-cd-faq.docx
- Questions and Answers about the EPP www.doe.mass.edu/assessment/epp/ga.html
- Modified Competency Determination Accepted Courses www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/accepted-courses.xlsx
- MCAS Performance Appeals <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcasappeals/default.html>
- MCAS Grade-Level and Competency Portfolio <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcasappeals/filing/portfolio/default.html>
- Competency Determination policy for [high school students in military families](#)

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOLARSHIPS, CREDENTIALS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO MCAS

- Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/mastery/
- State Seal of Biliteracy sealofbiliteracy.ma.org/pathway-award-criteria/
- John and Abigail Adams Scholarships www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/adams.html

MCAS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS IN THE CLASSES OF 2021–2023

Classes of 2021–2022		Class of 2023
Option 1: MCAS ELA, Math, STE	Option 2: MCAS ELA and Math	MCAS ELA and Math
Minimum score on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 501 Next-Gen or 260 Legacy • Math: 504 Next-Gen or 260 Legacy • STE: 260 Legacy (score from February 2020 or earlier) 	Minimum score on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 501 Next-Gen or 260 Legacy • Math: 504 Next-Gen or 260 Legacy 	Minimum score on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 501 Next-Gen • Math: 504 Next-Gen
Minimum score on the remaining tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 472 Next-Gen or 240 Legacy • Math: 486 Next-Gen or 240 Legacy • STE: 240 Legacy (score from February 2020 or earlier) 	Minimum score on the remaining tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 472 Next-Gen or 240 Legacy • Math: 486 Next-Gen or 240 Legacy 	Minimum score on the remaining test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA: 472 Next-Gen • Math: 486 Next-Gen

