

**2014–2015 Statewide Testing Schedule  
and Administration Deadlines  
MCAS, ACCESS for ELLs, and PARCC**

		Date/Time <sup>1</sup>
<b>November 2014 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	September 2–12
	Receive test materials	October 29
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	October 29–November 3, 12:00 p.m.
	ELA Composition Sessions A and B	November 5
<i>Test Administration</i>	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	November 6
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	November 7
	Mathematics Session 1	November 12
	Mathematics Session 2	November 13
	Last date for make-up testing	November 17 <sup>2</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	November 18, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	November 19
	<b>2015 ACCESS for ELLs Test (including the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs)</b>	
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	October 27–November 14
	Receive test materials	January 5
	Order additional materials, if necessary	January 5–7
<i>Test Administration</i>	ACCESS for ELLs test sessions	January 8–February 11 <sup>3</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Schedule UPS pickup	February 12
	Deadline for UPS pickup	February 13
<b>February 2015 MCAS High School Biology Test</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	October 27–October 31
	Receive test materials	January 26
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	January 26–29, 12:00 p.m.
	Biology Session 1	February 2
<i>Test Administration</i>	Biology Session 2	February 3
	Last date for make-up testing	February 5 <sup>4</sup>
	<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup
Deadline for UPS pickup		February 9

<sup>1</sup> Individual test sessions are designed to be completed in 45 minutes for ELA Composition and ELA Reading Comprehension, and 60 minutes for Mathematics and February Biology. Refer to the *Principal's Administration Manual* for more information, including participation guidelines and the policy for make-up testing.

<sup>2</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed November 18.

<sup>3</sup> Each ACCESS for ELLs test for **grades 1–12** is designed to be completed in one session for each of the following areas: Listening (25 minutes), Reading (35–60 minutes, depending on the student's English proficiency), Writing (35–65 minutes, depending on the student's English proficiency), and Speaking (15 minutes). The **kindergarten** test is designed to be completed in 45 minutes (1 session, individually administered). The **Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** test is administered in four 20-minute test sessions (estimated), one session in each of the following areas: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Refer to [www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/access](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/access) for more information.

<sup>4</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed February 6.

**2014–2015 Statewide Testing Schedule  
and Administration Deadlines *continued***

		Date/Time <sup>5</sup>
<b>March 2015 MCAS ELA and Mathematics Retests</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	January 5–16
	Receive test materials	February 23
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	February 23–26, 12:00 p.m.
	ELA Composition Sessions A and B	March 2
<i>Test Administration</i>	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	March 3
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	March 4
	Mathematics Session 1	March 5
	Mathematics Session 2	March 6
	Last date for make-up testing	March 9 <sup>6</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	March 10, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	March 11
	<b>2015 MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt): Grades 3–12</b>	
	Order materials	January 5–16
	Receive MCAS-Alt materials	February 23
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	February 23–March 13, 12:00 p.m.
	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	April 1, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	April 2
<b>March–April 2015 MCAS Tests (Grades 3–8 and 10 English Language Arts)</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	January 5–16
	Receive test materials	March 9
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	March 9–19, 12:00 p.m. (March 31: Deadline for ordering additional materials for the ELA Composition Make-Up)

<sup>5</sup> Each test for grades 3–8 has two separate sessions (sessions for high school tests are noted in the table). Individual test sessions are designed to be completed in 45 minutes for ELA Composition, grade 10 ELA Reading Comprehension, and the ELA Reading Comprehension retest; and 60 minutes for grades 3–8 ELA Reading Comprehension and the Mathematics retest. Refer to the appropriate *Principal's Administration Manual* for more information, including participation guidelines, the prescribed order for administering each grade's tests, and the policy for make-up testing.

<sup>6</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed March 10.

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		Date/Time <sup>7</sup>
<b>March–April 2015 MCAS Tests (Grades 3–8 and 10 English Language Arts) <i>continued</i></b>		
<i>Test Administration</i>	ELA Composition Sessions A and B (grades 4, 7, and 10 only)	March 24
	ELA Composition Make-Up Sessions A and B (grades 4, 7, and 10 only)	April 2
	ELA Reading Comprehension test sessions	March 23–April 6 (grades 3, 5, 6, 8) March 25–April 6 (grades 4 and 7)
	ELA Reading Comprehension Sessions 1 and 2	March 25 (grade 10)
	ELA Reading Comprehension Session 3	March 26 (grade 10)
	Last date for make-up testing	April 6 <sup>8</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	April 7, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	April 8 (March 30: Early pickup for all grades/ automatic pickup for grade 10)
<b>May 2015 MCAS Tests (Grades 3–8 Mathematics and Science and Technology/Engineering)</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	January 5–16
	Receive test materials	April 27
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	April 27–April 30, 12:00 p.m.
<i>Test Administration</i>	Mathematics test sessions	May 4–19
	Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) test sessions	May 5–19 (grades 5 and 8)
	Last date for make-up testing	May 19 <sup>9</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	May 20, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	May 21 (May 15: Early pickup)

<sup>7</sup> Each test for grades 3–8 has two separate sessions (sessions for high school tests are noted in the table). Individual test sessions are designed to be completed in 45 minutes for ELA Composition, grade 10 ELA Reading Comprehension, grades 3–6 Mathematics, and grades 5 and 8 STE; 50 minutes for grades 7–8 Mathematics; and 60 minutes for grades 3–8 ELA Reading Comprehension. Refer to the appropriate *Principal’s Administration Manual* for more information, including participation guidelines, the prescribed order for administering each grade’s tests, and the policy for make-up testing.

<sup>8</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed April 7.

<sup>9</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed May 20.

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		Date/Time <sup>10</sup>
<b>May 2015 MCAS Tests (Grade 10 Mathematics)</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	January 5–16
	Receive test materials	April 28
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	April 28–May 8, 12:00 p.m.
<i>Test Administration</i>	Mathematics Session 1	May 12 <sup>11</sup>
	Mathematics Session 2	May 13 <sup>11</sup>
	Last day for make-up testing	May 19 <sup>12</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	May 20, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	May 21 (May 15: Early/automatic pickup)
<b>June 2015 High School STE MCAS Tests</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials	March 9–13
	Receive test materials	May 19
	Complete PCPA (Materials Received section) Report packing discrepancies, if necessary Order additional materials, if necessary	May 19–May 29, 12:00 p.m.
<i>Test Administration</i>	STE Session 1 (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, Technology/Engineering)	June 2
	STE Session 2	June 3
	Last day for make-up testing	June 5 <sup>13</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete PCPA Schedule UPS pickup	June 8, 3:00 p.m.
	Deadline for UPS pickup	June 9 <sup>13</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Individual test sessions are designed to be completed in 60 minutes for grade 10 Mathematics and high school STE. Refer to the appropriate *Principal's Administration Manual* for more information, including participation guidelines and the policy for make-up testing.

<sup>11</sup> Advanced Placement (AP) exams were not scheduled when the MCAS test schedule was developed. For spring 2014, tenth graders participating in AP exams scheduled for the same dates as MCAS tests may either participate in the scheduled MCAS test session when finished with the AP exam, or participate in a make-up session as soon after the regularly administered session as possible. Principals of schools who need a different solution may contact the Department at [mcas@doe.mass.edu](mailto:mcas@doe.mass.edu) to request an alternative testing schedule.

<sup>12</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed May 20.

<sup>13</sup> Make-up testing for students with extraordinary circumstances (i.e., students not able to participate in regularly scheduled sessions or make-up sessions) may be completed June 8.

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		Date
<b>2015 PARCC Performance-based Assessment (PBA) for Schools Doing Computer-based Testing (CBT)</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials (Student Registration File update)	December 23
	Receive test materials	No later than March 2
	Order additional materials, if necessary	Beginning March 2 <sup>17</sup>
<i>Test Administration</i>	PARCC PBA test sessions for schools doing CBT (English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics)	March 16–April 10 <sup>14, 16</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete Post-Test Certification Form (Note there is no UPS pickup for schools doing CBT.)	April 15
<b>2015 PARCC PBA for Schools Doing Paper-based Testing (PBT)</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Order test materials (Student Registration File update)	December 23
	Receive test materials	No later than March 2
	Order additional materials, if necessary	Beginning March 2 <sup>17</sup>
<i>Test Administration</i>	PARCC PBA test sessions for schools doing PBT (English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics)	March 23–April 3 <sup>14, 15</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Schedule UPS pickup	April 10
	Deadline for UPS pickup	April 13
	Complete Post-Test Certification Form	April 15
<b>2015 PARCC End-of-Year Assessment (EOY) for Schools Doing CBT</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Receive test materials	No later than April 16 <sup>18</sup>
	Order additional materials, if necessary	Beginning April 16 <sup>17</sup>
<i>Test Administration</i>	PARCC EOY test sessions for schools doing CBT (English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics)	May 4–29 <sup>14</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Complete Post-Test Certification Form	June 2
<b>2015 PARCC EOY for Schools Doing PBT</b>		
<i>Before Testing</i>	Receive test materials	No later than April 16 <sup>18</sup>
	Order additional materials, if necessary	Beginning April 16 <sup>17</sup>
<i>Test Administration</i>	PARCC EOY test sessions for schools doing PBT (English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics)	May 11–22 <sup>14</sup>
<i>After Testing</i>	Schedule UPS pickup	May 28
	Deadline for UPS pickup	May 29
	Complete Post-Test Certification Form	June 2

<sup>14</sup> Each PARCC test is timed. PARCC manuals will be posted at [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org); refer to the manuals for information about participation guidelines, the prescribed order for administering each grade’s tests and the number of sessions, the policy for make-up testing, as well as other administration deadlines. Note that in spring 2015, districts will choose whether to administer MCAS or PARCC. More information and guidance to make this decision will be forthcoming.

<sup>15</sup> Schools closed in observance of Good Friday that are doing **paper-based testing** may administer PARCC PBA test sessions through Monday, April 6.

<sup>16</sup> Schools closed in observance of Good Friday that are doing **computer-based testing** may administer PARCC PBA test sessions through Monday, April 13.

<sup>17</sup> Additional orders **must be approved** by the principal, test coordinator, superintendent, or another individual with the “Approve Additional Order Add-on Role” in PearsonAccess Next. Schools should allow a **period of 5 days** from the time of approval for materials to arrive.

<sup>18</sup> Orders for EOY test materials, including manuals for schools doing CBT, are based on the PBA Student Registration File update done in December.