

Parent(s)/Guardian:

Beginning on March 21st our students will be participating in MCAS testing (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System). Students in grade 10 will be tested in ELA and Math. Some grade 10, and all grade 9 students will be tested in Science. It is extremely important that all students and parents take this assessment testing seriously. The results of these assessments have a significant impact on curriculum, instruction, funding, students' course selections, and ultimately earning a high school diploma.

Please be sure that your child is in school and on time on the scheduled day of testing. Students should get a good night's sleep the night before and eat a substantial breakfast on the day of testing. Please discuss the significance of the testing with your child and encourage them to put forth their best effort.

Included in this letter is the testing schedule and a copy of the Student Responsibilities Form. Students will be asked to sign this form at the beginning of the testing period. The form on the reverse side of this letter is only a sample and need not be returned.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to call or email any member of the administration or guidance.

Respectfully,  
Steven C. Knowlton  
Principal

## MCAS Testing Schedule

March 21	ELA	grade 10
March 22	ELA	grade 10
March 23	ELA	grade 10
May 16	Math	grade 10
May 17	Math	grade 10
June 5	Biology/STEM	grades 9 & 10
June 6	Biology/STEM	grades 9 & 10

## Student Responsibilities during MCAS Testing

By signing below, I promise that

- I have not already seen the student test booklet that I will receive;
- **All** the work in my answer booklet will be my own; I will not copy anyone else's work; I will not let anyone answer questions for me;
- I will not use any materials, such as a cell phone or other electronic device, that I am not allowed to have during testing, including after I turn in my test materials, during a break, and during the transition to a test completion area; and
- I will not discuss or share information with anyone about the questions until MCAS testing ends in my school.

If I have any questions about these statements, I will talk with my teacher or principal.

I make the promises above and know that there may be consequences for breaking my promises or the test administration rules.

**I have read these statements and understand them.**

Student's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_