

Spring 2017 MCAS Tests Parent/Guardian Report



Name: _____ **District:** _____
SASID: _____ **School:** _____
Date of Birth: _____ **Grade:** _____

This report provides your child's results on the spring 2017 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. For the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics tests your child took in spring 2017, the report shows your child's score (between 440 and 560) and achievement level (Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, or Not Meeting Expectations). If your child was in grade 5 or grade 8, he or she also took a Science and Technology/Engineering test, and those results are reported with different scores and achievement levels on the back page of this report.

For each subject, the report also provides information that compares your child's achievement to achievement at the school, district, and state levels, as well as information about how your child performed in the major areas of the test and on individual test questions.

In 2017, students began taking MCAS tests on a computer. Altogether, about 40% of students statewide took a computer-based test. The remaining students took a paper version of the test. The type of test your child took (paper or computer) is shown in the upper right corner on the page for that test.

More information on how to understand the results in this report, and how parents/guardians can take action based on the results, is provided below and also on our website at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents.

Your Child's Overall Results in Grade

English Language Arts

Achievement Level

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Details on page 2

Mathematics

Achievement Level

Score

(Score range: 440-560)

Details on page 3

Science and Technology/Engineering

Achievement Level

Score

(Score range: 200-280)

Details on page 4

Why statewide testing is important for students, parents, and educators

In 1993, the state established MCAS testing for all students in order to measure whether students are learning the material they need to know at each grade level. MCAS results:

1. help families see whether their children are making expected academic progress;
2. help educators identify areas of the curriculum where students are learning well and areas where students may need additional assistance to meet grade-level expectations; and
3. help the state target resources to schools that need support.

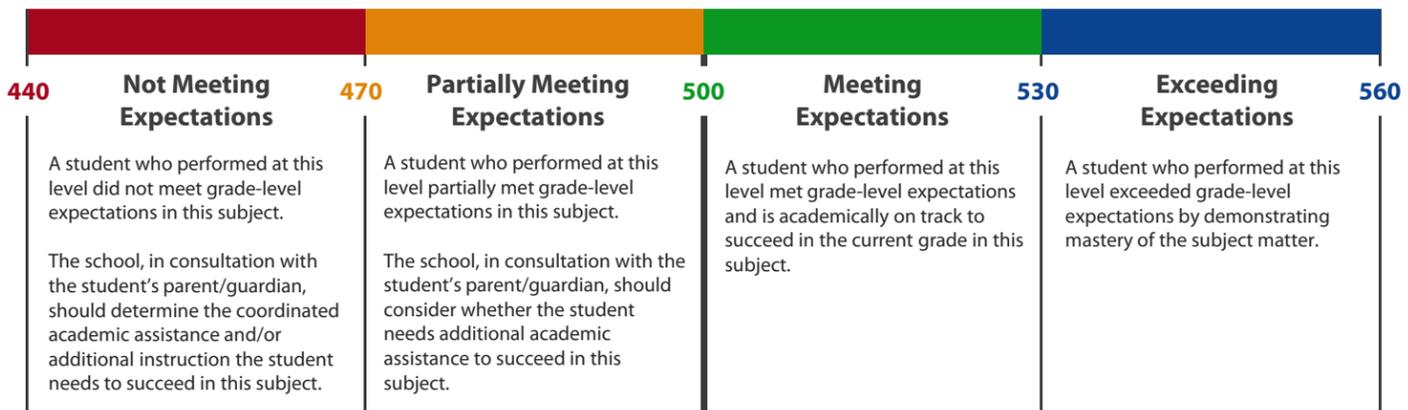
What's next: Ways to support your child's continued learning

If your child's scores fall in the Not Meeting Expectations or Partially Meeting Expectations categories for ELA or mathematics—Warning or Needs Improvement for Science and Technology/Engineering (STE)—it is critical to attend family-teacher conferences and discuss any concerns you may have. In addition, talk to your child about his or her day at school to reinforce the material being learned. Children whose parents/guardians stress the value of education are more likely to find it important as well. If your child is Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations (Proficient or Advanced in STE), consider having a conversation with your child's teacher to ensure your child remains challenged and engaged.

Learn more about efforts to improve teaching and learning in Massachusetts schools at www.mass.gov/LeadingTheNation.

Your Child's Achievement Level:

Your Child's Score:



In the figure above, the triangle indicates your child's score on the test. The gray bar shows the range of likely scores your child would receive if he or she took the test multiple times.

How your child performed compared to the school, district, and state

Your Child's Score	Average Score		
	School	District	State

How your child performed on the test in each reporting category and on each individual test question

Reporting Category	Points earned by your child	Average number of points earned by Meeting Expectations students who scored close to 500.
Reading	__ out of __	__ out of __
Writing	__ out of __	__ out of __
Language	__ out of __	__ out of __

Individual Test Questions

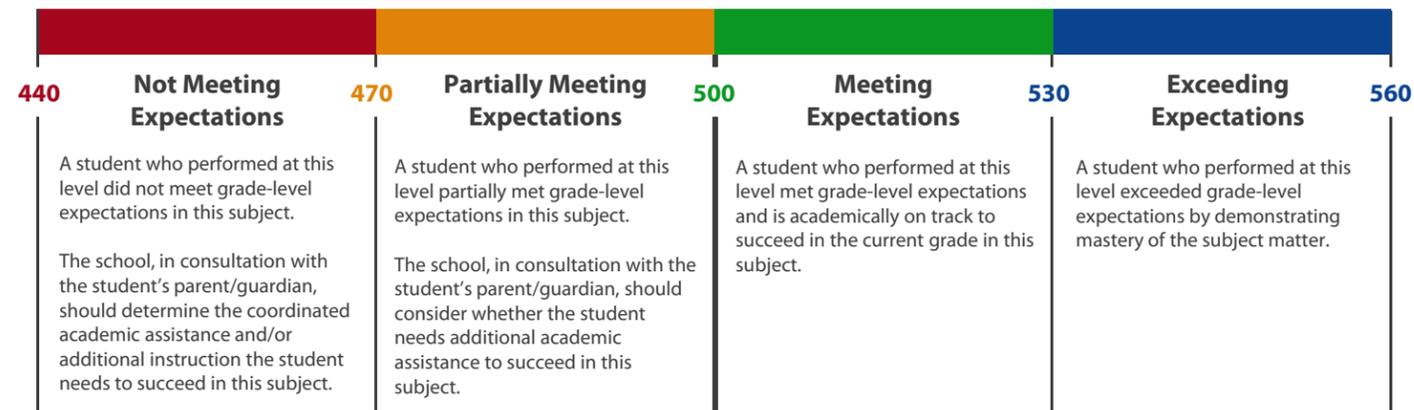
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Key
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