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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to share information with you about the spring 2021 MCAS testing schedule for your child. MCAS tests are required by state and federal law and are an important tool to promote student success and educational equity.

High school students in the class of 2023 (10th graders) must take and pass the MCAS tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics to earn a high school diploma, in addition to meeting local requirements. Students in the class of 2024 (9th graders) will take tests in ELA and mathematics next year, and they are also required to take and pass a test in science and technology/engineering (they will take the science test this year or next). Students will have opportunities to retest if they do not pass.

The high school MCAS tests also provide the opportunity for students to qualify for several state awards. These include the [John and Abigail Adams Scholarship](#) and the [Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery](#). Students in the class of 2022 (11th graders) are not required to participate in MCAS testing, but they can choose to do so to qualify for these awards. They will have an opportunity in fall 2021 to take the tests and attempt to qualify at that time.

Additionally, MCAS test results will:

- give information about areas of learning that have been most impacted by the pandemic,
- provide important data on which students, schools, and districts have been most affected by pandemic-related changes in schooling, and
- improve understanding of your child’s knowledge and skills in relation to the state’s learning standards, so that we can provide the best system of support and instruction in future years.

MCAS high school tests are not available to be given remotely, so we are providing the following in-school testing opportunities for your child:

Grade 10 MCAS - ELA	Monday, 5/3 and Tuesday, 5/4
Grade 10 MCAS - Math	Wednesday, 5/12 and Thursday, 5/13
Grade 9 MCAS - Science	Wednesday, 6/2 and Thursday, 6/3

A survey will be sent electronically to families of remote students to confirm attendance for the above dates. Our school will follow all health and safety protocols during MCAS testing. Additionally, fully remote students will test in a room separate from the in-person students. If you have any questions about MCAS testing opportunities, accommodations, or health and safety protocols, please feel free to call me at 508-291-3510 x725 or email me, kcavicchi@wareham.k12.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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