



Marshfield Public Schools

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Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Families:

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Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents:

As you know, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System-MCAS will be administered across the State this spring. During the timeframe of **April 2nd-May 24th**, students will be assessed in the following areas: **Grade 3-ELA & Mathematics, Grade 4-ELA & Mathematics, and Grade 5-ELA & Mathematics, Science and Technology/Engineering.** The testing window is for all three content areas and Grades 3-5 will be taking their MCAS on the computer.

Please keep these important dates in mind, as it is vital that **no student miss these testing periods.** Medical absences must be documented and supported with a doctor's note, per DESE regulations.

Some of the things you, as a parent/guardian, can do to work with us during this time are noted below.

- ❖ DO praise your child for the things he/she does well and be supportive of his/her efforts, especially in areas or activities that are challenging.
- ❖ DO realize that putting *too* much emphasis on the test and the results can increase your child's anxiety about the test. Too much anxiety can prevent your child from doing his/her best.
- ❖ DO reassure your child that test scores are only one measure of his/her abilities, not the whole picture.
- ❖ DO express a positive attitude about the test and confidence in your child's ability to do well on it. *Research shows that if you're upbeat and encouraging about the test, your child is likely to feel good about it.*
- ❖ DO ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep the night before the test and eats a nutritious breakfast the day of the test(s).

[Our MCAS Calendar, April 2 - May 24, 2019](#)

Assessment Time starting @ 9:15-11:15 a.m. Most tests will be finished in the morning.

PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME!

April 2	Gr. 3 & 4 ELA	(session 1 of 2)	May 7	Gr. 5 Math	(session 1 of 2)
April 3	Gr. 3 & 4 ELA	(session 2 of 2)	May 8	Gr. 5 Math	(session 2 of 2)
April 5	Gr. 5 ELA	(session 1 of 2)	May 10	Gr. 3 & 4 Math	(session 1 of 2)
April 9	Gr. 5 ELA	(session 2 of 2)	May 14	Gr. 3 & 4 Math	(session 2 of 2)
			May 15	Gr. 5 Sci/Tech/Engineering	(session 1 of 2)
			May 17	Gr. 5 Sci/Tech/Engineering	(session 2 of 2)

No volunteers/visitors are allowed in the rooms during testing times per DESE testing policy.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we begin this very important assessment period.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Campia, Principal