

Melrose Public Schools 2017 MCAS Results

Essential Questions

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- How is MCAS 2.0 different from PARCC and the Legacy MCAS?
- What are our achievement gaps within subgroups?
- How does item analysis inform our curriculum, instruction, and learning?
- What can achievement tell us about curriculum, instruction, and learning at MPS?

Background on MCAS 2.0 Next Generation

MCAS Achievement Levels

★ Legacy

Advanced

Students at this level demonstrate a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of rigorous subject matter, and provide sophisticated solutions to complex problems.

Proficient

Students at this level demonstrate a solid understanding of challenging subject matter and solve a wide variety of problems.

Needs Improvement

Students at this level demonstrate a partial understanding of subject matter and solve some simple problems.

Warning

Students at this level demonstrate a minimal understanding of subject matter and do not solve simple problems.

★ Next-generation

Exceeding Expectations

A student who performed at this level exceeded grade-level expectations by demonstrating mastery of the subject matter.

Meeting Expectations

A student who performed at this level met grade-level expectations and is academically on track to succeed in the current grade in this subject.

Partially Meeting Expectations

A student who performed at this level partially met grade-level expectations in this subject. The school, in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, should consider whether the student needs additional academic assistance to succeed in this subject.

Not Meeting Expectations

A student who performed at this level did not meet grade-level expectations in this subject. The school, in consultation with the student's parent/guardian, should determine the coordinated academic assistance and/or additional instruction the student needs to succeed in this subject.

Parent/Guardian Report

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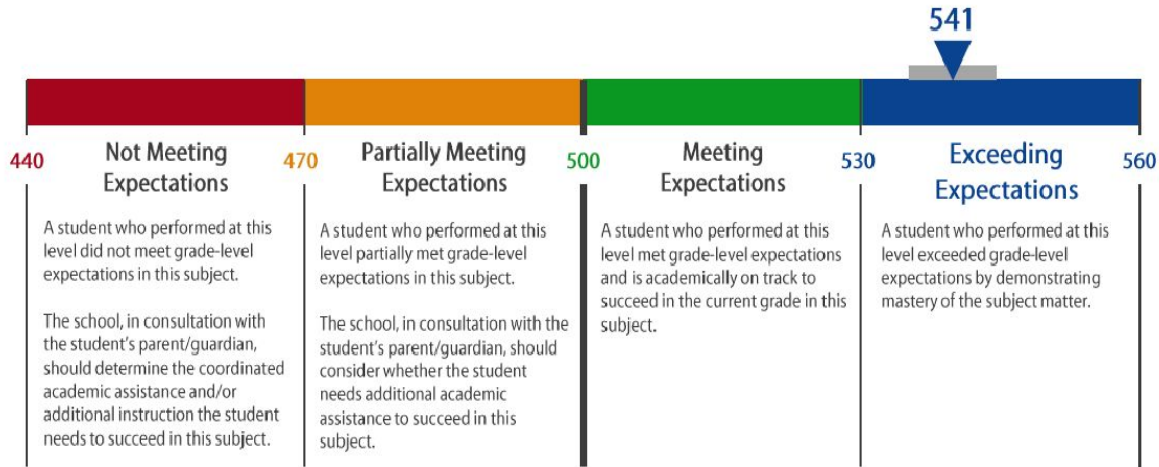
Grade 8
Spring 2017


Mathematics Results

Computer-based test

Your Child's Achievement Level: **Exceeding Expectations**

Your Child's Score: **541**







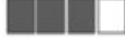
 In the figure above, the triangle indicates your child's score on the test. The gray bar shows the range of likely scores your child would receive if he or she took the test multiple times.

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

Your Child's Score	Average Score		
	School	District	State
541	485	502	499

Parent/Guardian Report

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.
Operations & Algebraic Thinking 	7 out of 10	6.0 out of 10
Numbers & Operations in Base Ten 	10 out of 10	6.8 out of 10
Numbers & Operations - Fractions 	5 out of 5	4.0 out of 5
Measurement & Data 	8 out of 9	6.1 out of 9
Geometry 	3 out of 4	2.5 out of 4

Individual Test Questions

Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Points Earned	1/2	3/4	0/1	0/1	3/3	1/4	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	0/1	4/4	3/4	0/4	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	2/3	5/6	0/1	1/1	1/1

Key

x/y = x points earned out of y possible points
 Blank space/y = no answer provided

Go online to see a description of every test question at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents.

Interpreting the Results

- In general, the new standards for Meeting Expectations are **more rigorous** than the standards for reaching the Proficient level on the legacy MCAS.
- **The results do NOT mean that students learned more or less; the next-generation MCAS measures learning in a different way**
- **2017 is the baseline year** — the first year of a new assessment — and we expect scores to change over time, as occurred when the legacy MCAS debuted in 1998.
- **Massachusetts educators** set these standards, and they raised them in order to make sure our students will be college - and career- ready.
- **In some grades and subjects** (grade 4 English Language Arts and math, grade 7 math), **the percent of students Meeting Expectations will likely be similar** to the percent that were Proficient previously. **In other grades and subjects** (grade 8 English Language Arts), **the percent of students Meeting Expectations will likely be lower** than the previous percent of Proficient students.

Resources for More Information

For Parents

www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents

- Parent Guide to the MCAS (available in several languages)
- Annotated Parent/Guardian Reports (PPT)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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- Item Descriptions for Grades 3–8 ELA and Mathematics
- Parent/guardian report templates and translations

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Organization of Presentation

- For each grade span, i.e. Grades 3-5, 6-8, and grade 10, in the subject areas of ELA, math, and science, the presentation will outline the following:
 - Strengths observed in the MCAS results
 - Areas of need in the MCAS results
 - Action plan to address areas of need

High Needs Subgroups

High Needs-The high needs group is an unduplicated count of all students in a school or district belonging to at least one of the following individual subgroups:

- Students with Disabilities,
- English language learners (ELL) and former ELL students
- Low Income Students (eligible for free/reduced price school lunch)

Impactful Positive Practices

- Aligned curriculum in ELA and Mathematics
- Continued alignment of Science curriculum to new standards
- Systematic tiered instruction in ELA and Mathematics for identified students
- Analysis of students' data well-established and effective
- Identified core instructional practices at all levels to support qual
- Instructional coaches and content facilitators to provide in-coaching support
- Building more opportunities for teacher leadership

Opportunities for Growth

- Achievement gap for our students with disabilities and high needs students continues. We need to ensure students have consistent access to general education and that our tiered systems of support align.
- Scores can now be reviewed at the individual teacher level. Focus on insuring fidelity to standards, curriculum, and instruction.
- Restored item analysis provides opportunity to analyze areas where our curriculum and instruction can be better aligned without teaching to the test.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

District ELA MCAS 2.0 All Students

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	63%	12%	51%	35%	2%
Grade 4	67%	12%	55%	32%	1%
Grade 5	68%	16%	53%	29%	3%
Grade 6	65%	13%	52%	31%	5%
Grade 7	62%	5%	57%	36%	2%
Grade 8	75%	21%	54%	23%	2%

District ELA MCAS 2.0 Students w/Disabilities

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	25%	0%	25%	67%	8%
Grade 4	33%	8%	24%	63%	4%
Grade 5	20%	2%	18%	62%	18%
Grade 6	19%	0%	19%	60%	21%
Grade 7	16%	0%	16%	71%	13%
Grade 8	35%	2%	33%	56%	9%

District ELA MCAS 2.0 High Needs

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	38%	6%	32%	57%	5%
Grade 4	41%	9%	32%	56%	3%
Grade 5	39%	2%	37%	51%	10%
Grade 6	32%	3%	29%	55%	13%
Grade 7	35%	0%	35%	58%	7%
Grade 8	42%	5%	38%	50%	8%

ELA MCAS 2.0 Grade 3 by School

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	65%	18%	45%	30%	5%
Horace Mann	62%	15%	48%	38%	0%
Lincoln	60%	3%	57%	38%	2%
Roosevelt	68%	13%	55%	31%	2%
Winthrop	62%	15%	48%	38%	0%

ELA MCAS 2.0 Grade 4 by School

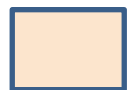
	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	64%	23%	41%	36%	0%
Horace Mann	76%	9%	67%	24%	0%
Lincoln	62%	18%	43%	37%	2%
Roosevelt	58%	2%	56%	39%	3%
Winthrop	75%	12%	63%	25%	0%

ELA MCAS 2.0 Grade 5 by School

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	70%	11%	59%	27%	3%
Horace Mann	63%	16%	47%	37%	0%
Lincoln	72%	19%	53%	23%	5%
Roosevelt	68%	18%	50%	27%	5%
Winthrop	67%	13%	54%	31%	2%

% of Students Achieving Exceeding/Meeting ELA by Subgroup

	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8
All	63%	67%	68%	75%	62%	75%
High Needs	38%	41%	39%	42%	35%	42%
Students w/ disabilities	25%	33%	20%	35%	16%	35%
Low Income	44%	32%	44%	62%	56%	42%
African American	33%	36%	50%	44%	42%	44%
Hispanic	67%	75%	47%			



Subgroups with a gap to Exceeding/Meeting Expectations of 20+ percentage points.

Grade 3-8 % Correct by Topic

Strand/ Topic	3	4	5	6	7	8
Language	61%	77%	71%	68%	73%	73%
Reading	72%	73%	85%	71%	78%	82%
Writing	45%	55%	55%	46%	52%	57%

Grade 3-8 % Correct by Question Type

Question Type	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Items	65%	71%	73%	63%	68%	72%
Constructed Response	39%	47%	not reported	not reported	not reported	not reported
Essay	49%	59%	61%	55%	61%	66%
Selected Response	75%	80%	83%	71%	76%	76%

Next Steps ELA Elementary

- Align reader's responses in grades K-5 with text based essay prompts in MCAS 2.0.
- Implement online assessment format throughout the school year in grades 4 and 5 to provide students opportunities to practice in this format.
- Provide students with instruction in digital literacy skills needed for online testing.
- Identify subgroup populations in need of additional supports and align tiered instruction.

Next Steps ELA Middle School

- Reword all prompts for writing and multiple choice questions in ELA common assessments to provide students more experience with the specific language used.
- Provide opportunities for practice with online assessments for grades six through eight students.
- Assign students to intervention groupings focusing on reading and newly-designed writing units.

Next Steps ELA Middle School

- Identify subgroup populations in need of additional supports and align tiered instruction.
- Provide students additional opportunities to practice reading and writing skills in science and social studies.
- Utilize increased common planning time with Special Education teachers and ELA teachers to improve collaboration to support implementation of inclusive practices.

2017 Grade 10 Legacy MCAS Results

English Language Arts

Grade	% Advanced & Proficient	% Needs Improvement	% Warning
All	99%	1%	0%
African American	94%	6%	0%
High Needs	97%	3%	0%
Students w/ Disabilities	94%	6%	0%

2010-2017 Grade 10 Change Over Time

Reducing Gaps to Proficiency in ELA

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
All	89	88	94	95	98	98	95	99
Students w/ Disabilities	51	57	67	59	88	91	77	94
Low Income	60	73	97	91	100	96	86	97
High Needs	60	69	82	79	94	92	86	97
African American	76	50	88	92	100	100	95	95
Hispanic		93						



Subgroups with a gap to Proficiency of 20+ percentage points.

ELA Next Steps 9-12

- Reword all prompts for writing and multiple choice questions in ELA common assessments for grade nine to provide students more experience with the specific ways language is used in MCAS 2.0.
- Implement online assessment practice for grade nine students to provide opportunities for practice in the digital format used in MCAS 2.0.
- Maintain practices in test preparation, remediation and review for current grade ten ELA students to ensure they will achieve results similar or superior to scores reported on the 2017 Legacy MCAS testing.

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MATHEMATICS

District Math MCAS 2.0 Data

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	73%	19%	54%	24%	3%
Grade 4	73%	15%	58%	23%	4%
Grade 5	67%	13%	54%	31%	2%
Grade 6	62%	11%	51%	34%	4%
Grade 7	59%	10%	49%	38%	3%
Grade 8	51%	9%	42%	46%	4%

District Math MCAS 2.0 Students w/ Disabilities

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	38%	8%	29%	50%	12%
Grade 4	37%	2%	35%	43%	20%
Grade 5	29%	0%	29%	64%	7%
Grade 6	19%	4%	15%	62%	19%
Grade 7	21%	3%	18%	61%	18%
Grade 8	21%	0%	21%	60%	19%

District Math MCAS 2.0 High Needs

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Grade 3	49%	20%	29%	44%	7%
Grade 4	46%	3%	44%	41%	13%
Grade 5	42%	5%	37%	56%	4%
Grade 6	32%	3%	29%	56%	12%
Grade 7	30%	3%	28%	59%	10%
Grade 8	20%	0%	20%	65%	15%

Math MCAS 2.0 Grade 3 by School

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	85%	15%	70%	10%	5%
Horace Mann	78%	10%	68%	22%	0%
Lincoln	63%	24%	40%	32%	5%
Roosevelt	74%	21%	52%	23%	3%
Winthrop	72%	21%	51%	28%	0%

Math MCAS 2.0 Grade 4 by School

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	73%	27%	45%	27%	0%
Horace Mann	85%	13%	72%	13%	2%
Lincoln	63%	15%	48%	27%	10%
Roosevelt	70%	8%	62%	25%	5%
Winthrop	74%	16%	58%	25%	2%

Math MCAS 2.0 Grade 5 by School

	Meeting/ Exceeding	Exceeding Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Partially Meeting Expectations	Not Meeting Expectations
Hoover	84%	19%	55%	16%	0%
Horace Mann	68%	24%	45%	32%	0%
Lincoln	64%	11%	53%	33%	3%
Roosevelt	66%	8%	58%	31%	3%
Winthrop	61%	10%	51%	39%	0%

% of Students Exceeding/Meeting Expectations Math by Subgroup

	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8
All	73%	73%	67%	62%	59%	51%
High Needs	49%	46%	42%	32%	30%	20%
Students w/ disabilities	38%	37%	29%	19%	21%	21%
Low Income	56%	39%	40%	34%	41%	24%
African American	47%	43%	46%	53%	25%	12%
Hispanic	64%	50%	37%			



Subgroups with a gap to Exceeding/Meeting Expectations of 20+ percentage points.

Grade 3-5 % Correct by Topic

Strand/Topic	3	4	5
Geometry	76%	69%	79%
Measurement & Data	76%	67%	53%
Number & Operations in Base 10	79%	81%	67%
Number & Operations-Fractions	70%	73%	69%
Operations & Algebraic Thinking	74%	61%	79%

Grade 6-8 % Correct by Topic

Strand/Topic	6	7	8
Expressions and Equations	66%	52%	45%
Functions			53%
Geometry	48%	42%	64%
Ratios and Proportional Relationships	48%	43%	
Statistics & Probability	66%	64%	80%
Number System	49%	64%	56%

Grade 3-8 % Correct by Question Type

Strand/ Topic	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Items	75%	70%	68%	56%	53%	56%
Constructed Response	66%	63%	62%	48%	44%	38%
Short Answer	69%	64%	64%	57%	44%	51%
Selected Response	80%	78%	72%	63%	67%	66%

Next Steps Math Elementary

- Identify subgroup populations in need of additional supports and align tiered instruction.
- Implement Envision Pearson 2.0 in grades K-2.
- Practice online assessment format in grades 4 and 5 to provide students opportunities to use this format.

Next Steps Math Middle School

- Pilot new Math program in grades 6-8, Envision 2.0. Review data throughout the school year to determine effectiveness of the program.
- Assess students at least twice per units using math performance tasks, similar to constructed response on MCAS 2.0.
- Practice online assessment format throughout the school year to provide students opportunities to use this format.
- Incorporate a spiral review into homework and math lab/intervention classes
- Focus on using math vocabulary/language in performance tasks/constructed responses.
- Ensure math small group classrooms collaborate with general education math teachers to insure pacing.

2017 Grade 10 Legacy MCAS Results Mathematics

Grade	% Advanced & Proficient	% Needs Improvement	% Warning
All	86%	11%	3%
African American	57%	14%	29%
High Needs	59%	29%	12%
Students w/ Disabilities	46%	35%	19%

2010-2017 Grade 10 Change Over Time

Reducing Gaps to Proficiency in Math

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
All	82	79	82	88	86	88	84	86
Students w/ Disabilities	40	27	31	55	43	50	32	46
Low Income	65	51	75	79	79	75	59	68
High Needs	51	46	53	68	65	63	48	56
African American	41	44	69	83	77	86	81	59
Asian	82		75			91		
Hispanic		53	73				64	



Subgroups with a gap to Proficiency of 20+ percentage points.

Math Grades 9-12 Next Steps

- For 10th graders, continue the use of traditional open response questions from the Legacy MCAS.
- For 9th graders, transition to performance tasks similar to constructed response questions from MCAS 2.0.
- All students will be given online assessments throughout the year to prepare for online testing in 2019.
- For current grade 10 students, continue to use MCAS questions as formative assessments.

Math Grades 9-12 Next Steps

- Collect more frequent data points on students with disabilities to identify challenges and remediate immediately.
- Identify students in grade 9 who were Not Meeting or Partially Meeting and students in grade 10 who were Needs Improvement or Warning and provide targeted remediation.

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SCIENCE

Note: The science exam at all grades is the Legacy MCAS version.

2017 District Results

Science and Technology/Engineering (STE)

Grade	% Advanced and Proficient	% Needs Improvement	% Warning
10	85%	13%	3%
8	50%	44%	6%
5	49%	45%	6%

Grade 5 are district results; Grades 8 and 10 are school results.

2012 -2016 % of Advanced and Proficient in Science

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Adv.	Prof.	Adv.	Prof.	Adv.	Prof.	Adv.	Prof.	Adv.	Prof.	Adv.	Prof.
Gr. 10	19	46	26	38	33	51	38	45	44	42	43	42
Gr. 8	7	46	7	45	8	44	2	47	11	46	5	44
Gr. 5	34	32	26	34	29	35	22	41	26	44	29	32

% of Students Achieving Advanced or Proficient in Science by Subgroup

	Gr. 5	Gr. 8	Gr. 10
All	62%	49%	85%
High Needs	32%	27%	60%
Students w/ disabilities	22%	30%	49%
Low Income	38%	24%	63%
African American	32%	19%	73%
Hispanic	37%		67%



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Grade 5 Science by School

School	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Needs Improvement	% Warning
Hoover	51%	24%	22%	3%
Horace Mann	24%	39%	24%	13%
Lincoln	25%	30%	42%	3%
Roosevelt	29%	34%	32%	5%
Winthrop	25%	34%	41%	0%

Grade 5-8 % Correct by Topic

Standard/Topic	Grade 5	Grade 8
Earth and Space Science	69%	62%
Life Science	73%	71%
Physical Science	76%	68%
Technology/Engineering	72%	73%

All Exams % Correct by Question Type

Item Type	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 10
All Items	73%	69%	72%
Multiple Choice	81%	73%	81%
Open Response	55%	58%	54%

Science Grades K-5 Next Steps

- Support specific fifth grade teachers at individual schools with highest proportion of students at Needs Improvement. Ensure alignment in instruction and curriculum at these schools.
- Implement new physical and earth science units aligned to the new Science Curriculum Frameworks.
- Create this year new life science units in grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Strengthen implementation of science practice and inquiry based instruction.

Science Grades 6-8 Next Steps

- Placement in intervention classes at the middle school by topic.
- Students will be assessed on open response and scientific writing with increasing frequency by trimester throughout the year in grade 8.
- Increase opportunities for open response and scientific writing in grades 6 and 7.
- Identify and implement instructional practices to increase use of scientific vocabulary.

Science Grades 9-12 Next Steps

- Track open response questions in each topic and on all assessments. Analyze common mistakes and provide opportunities for reteaching.
- Provide opportunities for self-assessment and peer feedback on open response questions.