



# Ware Junior Senior High School

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## Spring 2017 MCAS Information

March 15, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of upcoming assessments at Ware Junior Senior High School. As you may already know, the Ware Public Schools will no longer be piloting the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC). Instead, students in grades seven and eight will be administered the Next Generation MCAS exam. Please note, grade seven will complete paper-based testing (PBT), and grade eight will participate in computer-based testing (CBT) for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The Science and Technology exam will be paper-based.

Presently, all grade ten students must still pass the Math, ELA, and Biology MCAS exams in order to graduate. For further clarification, please see the breakdown below, including testing dates, for each grade level:

### **Grade 7 – MCAS**

ELA: April 4, 5, 6 (PBT)

Math: May 4, 5 (PBT)

### **Grade 8 – MCAS**

ELA: April 25, 26, 27 (CBT)

Math: May 2, 3 (CBT)

Science and Technology: May 9, 10 (PBT)

### **Grade 9 – MCAS Biology, if applicable**

Biology: June 5, 6 (PBT)

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## **Grade 10 – MCAS Math and ELA, MCAS Biology, if applicable**

ELA: March 21, 22, 23 (PBT)

Math: May 16, 17 (PBT)

Biology: June 5, 6 (PBT)

As always, students should receive a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to testing. A hot breakfast will be provided for all students prior to testing. In addition, it is imperative that students arrive on-time in order to begin the scheduled assessments promptly. MCAS sessions will begin shortly after homeroom, and at the conclusion of each day's unit, students will resume a modified schedule of their regular courses. **There will be no delayed start days for students in non-tested grades, as was the case in the past.**

For more information, including a background of the Next Generation MCAS, as well as information pertaining to accessibility features and accommodations, please visit the Department's website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/nextgen/default.html>.

Although the coming weeks will present a series of challenging assessments for students, we are confident that they will rise to the occasion. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions regarding these upcoming, mandatory state assessments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darren C. Elwell".

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