

Bedford High School
Bedford Public Schools

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Dear BHS Families,

On March 22 and March 23, all Sophomores will be taking the English MCAS. Passing MCAS is a graduation requirement for all public school students in the state of Massachusetts. The test is computer based and expressly assesses student achievement of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Test sessions begin at 7:45 AM and will be 2-3 hours in length, but students may take as much time as they need during the school day to finish the exam. Below is our MCAS exam schedule which includes the ELA, Mathematics, and Science exams.

Subject	Grade	Administration Dates
ELA Session 1	10th	March 22
ELA Session 2	10th	March 23
Mathematics Session 1	10th	May 17
Mathematics Session 2	10th	May 18
Science Session 1	9th	June 7
Science Session 2	9th	June 8

Late Arrival (grades 9, 11, and 12 grade)

In order to ensure that we have ample bandwidth to support the 10th graders taking the MCAS exam electronically, **we will delay the opening of school for all other students (grades 9, 11, 12) on March 22-23 and May 17-18.** The start of school for these students will be at 10:15 AM and 10:29 AM; please see the full schedule below. If your child needs to arrive by bus on these test days, they should meet the bus at the regular pick up time and head to the cafeteria, gym, library or counseling department. These areas will be open and supervised. We will have **regular schedules for the Science MCAS on June 7-8 - no delayed opening.**

40-minute classes

	March 22 Day 4	May 17 Day 3
10:24	WARNING BELL	
10:29 - 11:09	A1	A2
11:12 - 11:52	AB1	B2
Lunch Block	1st lunch: 11:55 AM - 12:15 PM Class 2nd: 12:18 - 12:58 PM Class 1st: 11:55 AM - 12:35 PM 2nd lunch: 12:38 - 12:58 PM	
11:55 - 12:58	DE1	CD2
1:01 - 1:41	CD1	DC2
1:44 - 2:24	E1	E2

25-minute classes

	March 23 Day 5	May 18 Day 4
10:10	WARNING BELL	
10:15 - 10:40	AB2	A1
10:43 - 11:08	B1	AB1
11:11 - 11:36	Flex	CD1
Lunch Block	1st lunch: 11:39 - 11:59 AM Class 2nd: 12:02 - 12:27 PM Class 1st: 11:39 AM - 12:04 PM 2nd lunch: 12:07 - 12:27 PM	
11:39 - 12:27	DC1	DE1
12:30 - 12:55	DE2	E1

Exam Day

On the day of the exam, students will find their testing locations posted outside the Main Office and by the LGI. The test begins promptly at the start of school (7:45 AM), so please have your student arrive to school on time. Please encourage your student to be thorough and take their time on the exam. It is important that students get sufficient sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days. The exams will be taken on student-issued iPads. **Please make sure your student's iPad is fully charged prior to each testing day.**

Additional Logistics

Students should bring snacks and water bottles. Major assignments and tests will not be assigned to sophomores during the MCAS administration days. The same will be applied for freshmen during the June STE MCAS.

If you have specific questions regarding MCAS, you may contact Kristen Tracy at kristen_tracy@bedfordps.org or your student's assistant principal. The students have prepared and continue to prepare for these exams and we are confident in their ability to do well. Please see the modified schedules for the MCAS testing days below.

Sincerely,

Heather Galante

Principal