

Participation Guidelines for the 2009 MCAS High School Tests and Retests

Enrollment Status	February 2009 High School Biology	March 2009 ELA and Mathematics Retests	Spring 2009 Grade 10 ELA and Mathematics	Spring 2009 High School STE Tests	Spring 2009 High School U.S. History
Class of 2012 (Grade 9)	Eligible: first-time and repeating grade 9 students who have completed or are expected to complete a biology course by the time of testing and who have not yet earned their CD in STE	Not eligible	Not eligible ¹	Eligible: first-time and repeating grade 9 students who are enrolled in an STE course and have not earned their CD in STE	Not eligible
Class of 2011 (Grade 10)	Eligible: first-time and repeating grade 10 students who have completed or are expected to complete a biology course by the time of testing and who have not yet earned their CD in STE	Eligible: repeating grade 10 students who have not yet earned a scaled score of 220 on the ELA/Math tests Not eligible: first-time and repeating grade 10 students who have never participated in grade 10 tests	Participation required: first-time and repeating grade 10 students who have never participated in the grade 10 tests Eligible: repeating grade 10 students who have not yet earned a scaled score of 220 on the ELA and/or Math test(s)	Participation required: first-time and repeating grade 10 students who have not yet participated in an STE test Eligible: grade 10 students who have not yet earned their CD in STE Not eligible: grade 10 students who have earned their CD in STE	Participation required: grade 10 students who have been enrolled during the 2008–2009 school year in the second year (or its equivalent) of a U.S. History sequence (U.S. History II) Not eligible: grade 10 students who have not been enrolled in the second year of the U.S. History sequence
Class of 2010 (Grade 11)	Eligible: grade 11 students who have not yet earned their CD in STE	Eligible: grade 11 students who have not yet earned a scaled score of 220 on the ELA/Math tests Not eligible: grade 11 students who have earned a scaled score of 220 or higher and who wish to attempt to try to qualify for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction or the Adams Scholarship	Participation required: grade 11 students who were in grade 9 during the 2007–2008 school year and who did not participate in the spring 2008 grade 10 tests Eligible: grade 11 students who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are new to MA public schools in grade 11 or were reported as having a medically documented absence on the grade 10 MCAS tests (these students are eligible to qualify for the Adams Scholarship) • wish to attempt to qualify for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction 	Eligible: grade 11 students who have not earned their CD in STE Not eligible: grade 11 students who have earned their CD in STE	Participation required: grade 11 students who have been enrolled during the 2008–2009 school year in the second year (or its equivalent) of a U.S. History sequence (U.S. History II) Not eligible: grade 11 students who have not been enrolled in the second year of the U.S. History sequence
Class of 2009 (Grade 12)	Not eligible	Eligible: all grade 12 students attempting to earn a CD in ELA and/or Math	Not eligible ²	Not eligible ³	Not eligible

¹ For repeating grade 9 students to be eligible to participate, their status must be changed from grade 9 to grade 10 in the March 2009 SIMS submission

² A request to participate may be submitted for these students. For written approval and instructions, contact Student Assessment Services at 781-338-3625 or mcas@doe.mass.edu.

³ Students in grade 12 who expect to graduate with the class of 2010 or beyond must earn their CD in STE to receive a diploma. For these students to be eligible to participate, their status must be changed from grade 12 to grade 11 in the March 2009 SIMS submission.

Note: Participation in the spring 2009 MCAS grade 10 ELA and Mathematics tests may not be used to fulfill the requirements of a student’s EPP.