



MCAS Series Part 1: MCAS Purpose & 2022 Results

Q&A Sheet

► General MCAS Questions

Can first year English Learners opt out of the MCAS? Yes. See the list of participation requirements on the [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(DESE\) website](#).

Is the MCAS available in languages besides English? No. However, English Learners can access bilingual dictionaries and glossaries. [See here for more information](#).

What resources can parents access to understand and interpret their child's MCAS results? Parents can find practice tests, a guide for understanding the results, and a guide for Massachusetts learning standards [on the DESE website](#).

► Worcester-Specific MCAS Questions

Are there dates yet for the 2023 MCAS? When will WPS families know when their children are scheduled to take the MCAS? Worcester Public Schools has not released a schedule for MCAS testing yet. [See the DESE website for testing deadlines](#) and [see here for more information on testing from WPS](#).

What percentage of WPS teachers hold the supplementary ELL license, called the Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) endorsement? According to the [DESE website](#), "As of July 1, 2014, educators applying for their first Initial license must obtain the SEI endorsement."

In addition, "[a]s of July 1, 2016, school districts must ensure that ELLs are assigned to core academic teachers who have obtained the SEI Endorsement, or are required to obtain the Endorsement within a year of the assignment."

The percentage of teachers with the SEI endorsement is not publicly available. [See here for more information about Worcester teachers](#), including the percentage of teachers who are licensed, experienced, and working in-field.