

Student Registration for February Science Office Hours

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Logistics for This Session

- Use the Q&A feature to ask a question.
 - We will answer some questions aloud at specified times during this training session, and we will email the Q&A afterwards.
 - Type your questions anytime, but we may not answer them in real time as some questions may be covered during the presentation.
 - Use the thumbs-up icon to “upvote” someone else’s question.
 - Email student-specific questions to mcas@mass.gov instead of asking here.
- This session is being recorded and will be available in about a week in the [MCAS Resource Center](#), along with the slides.
- Closed captioning has been enabled for participants who need it.

Slides for This Session

- Slides were emailed to participants before this session from MCASEvents@cognia.org.
- Slides are now being posted in the chat.
 - If you cannot access the slides in the chat, ask in the Q&A.
- After the session, we will send the slides again to participants, and they will be posted in the MCAS Resource Center along with the recording.

Today's Agenda

1. February Science Student Participation Guidelines and Registration File
2. Enrollment Transfer Process
3. Q&A and Additional Demonstrations

1. February Science Student Participation Guidelines and Registration File

Student Registration Deadlines

Administration	Initial Student Registration Window Important for receiving manuals on time and Student ID Labels for PBT
February Science	December 12, 2024–January 8, 2025
March Retests	January 21–31

See the [Statewide Testing Schedule](#) for the following:

- Extended deadlines for CBT
- Deadlines for updating student registration information (as needed) after administration

If a high school will not have any students participating in an administration, the school needs to email mcas@cognia.org to let them know by the above deadlines.

General Participation Guidelines for February Science

- Students can participate in either Biology or Introductory Physics during the February Science administration.
- Students must participate in a high school Science test by the end of grade 10 for accountability purposes, and can test in grade 9 or 10.
- Students may participate in February for accountability purposes as well as for [Adams Scholarship](#) and [Koplik Award](#) eligibility.
 - Adams Scholarship eligibility is based on a student's first test attempt, but students may retake a test to attempt to raise their score for the Koplik Award.
- For additional guidance
 - High school participation guidelines: www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/highschool.html
 - Update on Student Competency Determinations: www.doe.mass.edu/commissioner/spec-advisories/2024-1211student-cd-update.html

The .CSV File for February Science

- Student Registration files from DESE
 - DESE creates .CSV files that schools can use as the basis for completing Student Registration.
 - Files follow the new file format for the MCAS Portal.
 - Accommodations are prepopulated from spring 2023 and 2024 STE.
- Student records included in the files
 - students in grades 9–11 who have not previously taken a high school science test
 - a very small number of students in grade 12 who were listed as grade 9 in June 2024 SIMS (These grade 12 students must participate in February or June Science for accountability purposes.)
- Student records not included in the files
 - students who were previously counted for accountability purposes
 - students who took the MCAS-Alt
 - students granted an appeal in high school Science

Using the .CSV File for February Science

- Access your school's .CSV file in the **MCAS 2025 folder** in DropBox Central in the [DESE Security Portal](#) on the first day of the Student Registration window (December 12).
- Files will follow the format "**Feb2025_Sci_Student_Registration_xxxxxxx.csv**" where x's refer to your school and district code.
- Save the file locally, and update it based on which students will participate in the February administration.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if a student is listed in the .CSV file, but has already earned a scaled score on a high school science test?**
 - Contact mcas@mass.gov (please do not send SASIDs via email).
- **What if I need a transfer student's prior MCAS scores?**
 - In most cases, students' MCAS history is available in Edwin Analytics, once students are "claimed" by the new district.
 - View the Student Assessment History Summary report (PE613).
 - Edwin Analytics is available on the Department's [Security Portal](#).
 - See the Steps to Retrieve Students' MCAS Assessment History in Edwin Analytics on the [MCAS Results web page](#) for additional details.

2. Enrollment Transfer Process

Overview of Enrollment Transfers

- Students are loaded to the MCAS Portal **once per school year**, regardless of which administration(s) they are taking.
- Schools will use the Enrollment Transfer feature in the MCAS Portal for transfer students who need to be registered for testing at their new school, who already exist in the MCAS Portal.
- When a school receives a transfer student who needs to be registered for testing, the first step should be to search for the student using the Enrollment Transfer page in the MCAS Portal.
 - Note: This is different from the previous test administration management system, PearsonAccess Next (PAN).

Overview of Enrollment Transfers – New for 2025

- Schools will use the Enrollment Transfer page in the Portal as the first step when receiving a new student to determine whether the student exists in the MCAS Portal.
 - This page will tell you whether the student already exists in the MCAS Portal.
- All school and district test coordinators associated with the *sending school* will receive email notifications for pending enrollment transfer requests.
- Student test sessions do not transfer from one school to another. Schools will use the Transfer Notes features to indicate which sessions a student has already completed.
- Schools may need to complete enrollment transfers more often in the MCAS Portal.

Enrollment Transfer Overview

MCAS Portal Section	Tasks to Complete in this Section	Who will complete these tasks?
Enrollment Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to transfer a student into your school and district. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STCs and DTCs may request to transfer a student.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve transfers other schools and districts have requested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STCs and DTCs may approve student transfers. If a student does not currently belong to an organization, the MCAS Service Center will approve student transfers.

- When a receiving school requests a student transfer, the DTC and STC users associated with the sending school will receive an email notification.

Demonstration

- Transferring students within your district

Transferring Students within a District

1. Sign in to the MCAS Portal and select **Administration**.
2. Click **Students**.
3. Locate the student you wish to update and click **Enrollment Info**.
4. Click **Unenroll** to unenroll the student from the current school and click **Yes** to confirm.

Enrollment Information for Student, Demo (9999955113)

District	School	Grade	Enrollment Status			
Cyber City	Cyber City Sch QA	11	Enrolled	Unenroll	View Classes	View Test Sessions
Enroll student in a different school						

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Transferring Students within a District (cont'd)

5. Click **Enroll student in a different school.**
6. Select the new school from the organization drop down and click **Enroll Student.**
7. Ensure the student's information is correct and click **Save.**

Note that only District Test Coordinators may transfer students within a district. School test coordinators should contact their DTC for assistance.

Enroll Student X

Use demographic and accommodation information from:

Cyber City Sch QA ▼

Select the school in which you want to enroll the student:
Student, Demo (9999955113)

Choose Organization(s) ▼

Enroll Student Cancel

Demonstrations

- Transferring students outside your district
 - Requesting student transfers
 - Approving student transfer requests
 - Entering and reviewing transfer notes

Transferring Students from Outside Your District: Requesting a Student Enrollment Transfer

1. Sign in to the MCAS Portal and select **Administration**.
2. Select **Enrollment Transfer**.
3. On the Enrollment Transfer page, select **Request Transfer**.
4. Enter the student's SASID, last name, and date of birth.
5. Select **Search**.

Enrollment Transfer

Cyber Falls Pending

Request Transfer

Approvals Requests

There is no data found for the selected criteria.

Request Enrollment Transfer

State Student ID: *

Last Name: *

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): *

Search

Transferring Students from Outside Your District: Requesting a Student Enrollment Transfer (cont'd)

5. If the student is found, select the school into which you want to transfer the student.
6. If this request is during the testing window, use the Notes to ask questions as needed.
7. Select **Submit Request**.

Request Enrollment Transfer

State Student ID: *

Last Name: *

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): *

Student found. Select organization information below:

Student will be transferred from:

Select the school in which you want to transfer the student: **Demo Student (9999955113)**

Notes: (Optional)

Transferring Students from Outside Your District: Requesting a Student Enrollment Transfer (cont'd)

- Any student transfers you have initiated will appear on the **Requests** tab.
- Select **Cancel** to cancel the transfer request.

Enrollment Transfer

Cyber Falls Pending Request Transfer

Approvals **Requests**

Request ID	State Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Requesting Organization	Assigned Organization	Request Date	Status	
5	9999955113	Demo	Student	Cyber Falls Sch1-001	Cyber City Sch1-001	12/06/2024 3:51:17 PM	Pending	View Details Cancel

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Approving a Student Enrollment Transfer

1. Any student transfers waiting for your approval will appear on the **Approvals** tab.
2. DTCs and STCs will be notified of enrollment transfers that need their review via email and on the Administration home page.
3. Review the request and add transfer notes. Click **Approve** to approve the transfer or click **Reject** to reject the request.

Request ID	State Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Requesting Organization	Assigned Organization	Request Date	Status	
19	9999955555	Student	Demo	Cyber Falls Sch2-002	Cyber Falls Sch1-001	11/06/2024 10:01:42 PM	Pending	View Details Approve Reject

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Are you sure you want to approve the enrollment transfer request?

Demo Student (9999955113) will be enrolled in Cyber City Sch4-004.

Notes: (Optional) student has taken session 1 of biology, but not started session 2

[Confirm](#) [Close](#)

View Details

- Student test sessions **do not move from one school to another** in the MCAS Portal. Schools will use the Transfer Notes features to note any test sessions the student has already completed.
- Schools can refer to the View Details screen at any time to view the Transfer Notes for an enrollment transfer.

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Transfer request details of Demo Student (9999955113)

Request Details:

Requested By: Abbie Currier (acurrier-adm)

Date: 12/06/2024 3:51:17 PM

Notes: Student has taken Feb Biology Session 1, but not session 2.

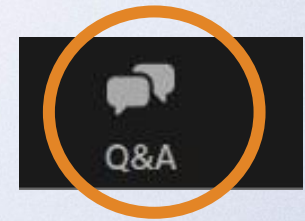
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3. Q & A and Additional Demonstrations

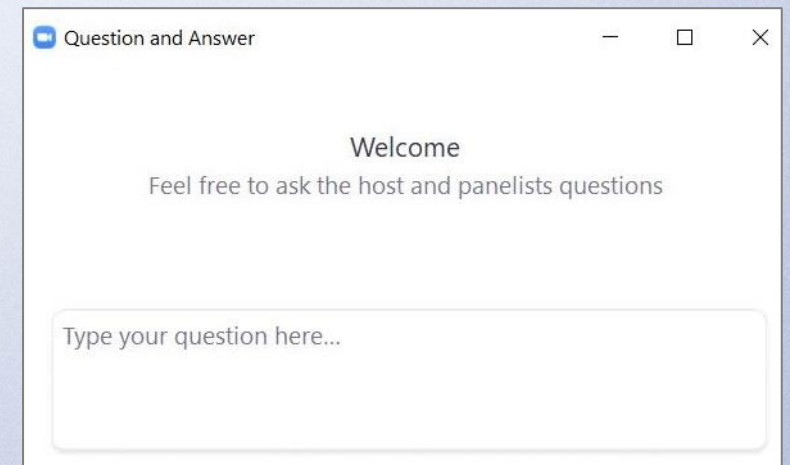
Additional Resources

Resource	Location
MCAS Resource Center	mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org
MCAS Portal user guides <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Registration Guide• MCAS Portal User Management Guide	https://mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org/portal/
Technology Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology Guidelines for MCAS Computer-Based Testing• Guide to Installing the MCAS Student Kiosk and Conducting Site Readiness	https://mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org/technology-setup/
Student Assessment Updates (Biweekly email with important updates about the MCAS program)	www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/updates.html If you do not already receive this email, subscribe using this link: http://eepurl.com/ghSOhH

Questions & Answers



Use the “Q&A” feature
to ask questions.



Next Steps

- **Today:** Complete the evaluation form.
 - Responses are associated with the name and email address used to log in.
 - Email your input to mcas@mass.gov if you have problems accessing or completing the form.
- **Within one week:**
 - Receive an email with the Q&A from this session
 - Recording will be available

Email and Phone Support

MCAS Service Center

- Questions on logistics and technology
 - **Web:** <https://mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org/>
 - **Email:** mcas@cognia.org
 - **Phone:** 800-737-5103
 - **TTY:** 888-222-1671
 - Live chat is available at the link on the bottom of the page at the [MCAS Resource Center](#)

DESE Student Assessment Services

- Policy questions (e.g., student participation, accommodations)
 - **Web:** www.doe.mass.edu/mcas
 - **Email:** mcas@mass.gov
 - **Phone:** 781-338-3625
 - **TTY:** 800-439-2370

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