

MCAS Practice Tests for 2025

Overview

Practice tests for 2025 MCAS computer-based testing (CBT) are expected to be available for students in early winter as part of the rollout of the new MCAS Resource Center described in the [October 18 Student Assessment Update](#). High school science CBT practice tests are expected to be available first. Paper-based practice tests are currently available in the [MCAS Resource Center](#).

In addition to the practice tests for grades 5 and 8 STE, a practice performance task will be available for each grade. Performance tasks will be embedded in the field test in 2025 and 2026 and will not count toward student scores. Information about the performance tasks is included on the [STE test design and development](#) pages.

Practice tests will be available in three different ways, as outlined in the table below. **Note that in some of those ways, constructed responses and essays will not be viewable or scorable after the practice test is completed.** The sections that follow the table offer additional information about the different options for accessing the practice tests and the test review screen.

For computer-based practice tests, the ELA, STE, and Civics practice tests each contain one test session. The Math practice tests contain two test sessions.

Table 1. Practice Test Availability

Option	Recommended Use	Who can access this option?	What scores/results will be available?
<p>Option 1: MCAS Resource Center (https://mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org/practice/)</p>	<p>Students, educators, and families can gain familiarity with types of MCAS test questions and with the student testing platform.</p>	<p>Anyone</p>	<p>At the completion of a practice test, students will see the following on screen for machine-scored questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total raw score out of total points earned • Points earned per question • Correct answers
<p>Option 2: MCAS Student Kiosk The MCAS Student Kiosk is the student testing platform. The Kiosk can be downloaded from the MCAS Resource Center.</p>	<p>Students can practice with the Kiosk, which they will use to take the MCAS tests.</p>	<p>Anyone with the MCAS Student Kiosk downloaded to their device</p>	<p>Constructed-response and essay questions will show as “Not Scored.” Students, staff, and families are not able to access responses to constructed-response and essay questions after a student clicks the Submit button.</p> <p>Score reports are not available.</p>
<p>Option 3: MCAS Training Site (Students will log in at https://mcas-training.cognia.org/student)</p>	<p>Schools may set up practice tests in the MCAS Training Site as a practice administration for completing all tasks in preparation for testing, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering students • Creating classes • Scheduling tests 	<p>Schools will need to set up students with individual usernames and passwords.</p>	<p>At the completion of a practice test, students will see the following on screen for machine-scored questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total raw score out of total points earned • Points earned per question • Correct answers <p>Test administrators are able to view the following in the MCAS Training Site for each student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total raw score out of total points earned • Points earned per question • Student responses to constructed-response, essay, and equation editor questions

Option 1: MCAS Resource Center

Students, educators, and families can visit the MCAS Resource Center at <https://mcas.onlinehelp.cognia.org/practice/> to access MCAS practice tests.

Students are not recommended to enter constructed responses or essays into practice tests accessed this way, as responses will not be saved or scored at the completion of the test. The Review screen on practice tests accessed through this option is the only place where scores and results will be available for practice tests in the MCAS Resource Center.

Option 2: MCAS Student Kiosk

Students will open the MCAS Student Kiosk on their devices and will click the link to “Access the Practice Test,” select the test from the drop-down menu, and click **Go** (see screen shots below).



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Option 3: MCAS Training Site

Schools can use the [MCAS Training Site](#) to set up practice tests for students.

Steps for setting up practice tests include the following tasks in the [MCAS Training Site](#). District test coordinators, school test coordinators, and technology coordinators have the user permissions to conduct these steps:

- upload students
- assign students to classes
- schedule the classes to take the practice tests
- print student logins

These steps are the same that schools will use to prepare for operational testing.

Students will direct their browsers to <https://mcas-training.cognia.org/student> and log in with their individual username and password to take the practice test. Students will see the Review screen at the end of the test with the information listed below in the Scoring – Test Review Screen section.

Once all students have taken the test, test administrators will be able to view student scores and responses in the MCAS Training Site, including each student’s total score and each student’s question-level score.

Results may be viewed as a roster or an individual student report.

Step-by-step instructions for setting up a practice test through the MCAS Training Site and additional information on practice test scoring for educators are available in the Guide to the MCAS Training Site, available soon on the [MCAS Resource Center](#).

Scoring - Test Review Screen

Regardless of the way that practice tests are accessed, at the completion of the test students will see a review screen like the one below, which includes the following:

- the total raw score out of total points earned (machine-scored questions only)
- the points earned per machine-scored question
- constructed-response and essay questions marked “Not Scored”

You scored **5** points out of a possible **20**.
Click on the question or score to see the correct answer.

1 0 of 1 points	2 0 of 1 points	3 0 of 1 points
4 0 of 1 points	5 1 of 1 points	6 1 of 1 points
7 Not Scored	8 0 of 1 points	9 0 of 1 points
10 1 of 1 points	11 1 of 1 points	12 0 of 1 points
13 0 of 1 points	14 0 of 1 points	15 0 of 1 points
16 0 of 1 points	17 0 of 1 points	18 Not Scored
19 0 of 1 points	20 0 of 1 points	21 1 of 1 points
22 0 of 1 points		

Exit

Students can click on a question number to view the correct answer. In the example below, the student has clicked item number 9 as shown in (1) below:

Correct Answer for Question 9 **1** **2** **Return**

Current Score : 1 out of 1

Use the information below to answer the question.

Penelope won a contest. For her prize, she gets to reach into a bag of envelopes and take one envelope without looking. Each envelope has a cash prize. The bag contains these envelopes:

- 100 envelopes with \$10
- 50 envelopes with \$50
- 25 envelopes with \$100
- 15 envelopes with \$200
- 10 envelopes with \$500
- 1 envelope with \$1,000

Penelope thinks that the probability of getting an envelope that contains \$10 is more likely than not.

Use the drop-down lists to complete the statements to explain whether Penelope is correct.

Penelope correct. The probability that she will get an envelope with \$10 is than 0.5.

Students can click **Return** as shown in (2) to return to the review screen. When students are done reviewing their results on the practice test, they can click **Exit**. This will bring them to the page where they can take the next session of the practice test or exit the test.