

Information about the MCAS 2026–27 Practice Tests

Overview

Practice tests will be available in three different ways, as outlined in the table on the following pages.

Note that in some of those ways, responses to short-answer questions (for math only), constructed-response questions, and essay and extended response questions (for ELA only) will not be viewable or scorable on the Review screen after the practice test has been completed.

The sections that follow the table offer additional information about the different options for accessing the practice tests and the Review screen.

The following updates to the 2026–27 practice tests are planned for fall 2026.

- **ELA:** The grades 3–8 ELA practice tests will be updated to full-length versions of the tests based on the revised [test designs](#). Each practice test will contain passage-based and stand-alone questions accompanied by a rubric and sample student work for each writing question.
- **Science:** For the grades 5 and 8 STE tests, three science performance practice tasks for each grade will be posted. Examples of student work for the constructed-response questions will be included in the answer keys. New paper-based and Spanish/English editions of the tasks will also be available.

ELA grade 10, high school Biology and Introductory Physics, Mathematics, and Civics practice tests will not be updated.

Table 1. Practice Test Availability

Option	Recommended Use	Who can access this option?	What scores/results will be available?
Option 1: MCAS Resource Center	Students, educators, and families can gain familiarity with types of MCAS test questions and with the student testing platform.	Anyone	At the completion of a practice test, the following will appear on the last screen for machine-scored questions: • total raw score out of total points earned • points earned per question • correct answers Short answer, constructed-response, and essay and extended response questions will show as “Not Scored.” Students, staff, and families are not able to access responses to these questions after a student clicks the Submit button. Score reports are not available.
Option 2: MCAS Student Kiosk, the student testing platform The Kiosk can be downloaded from the MCAS Resource Center .	Students can practice with the Kiosk, which they will use to take the MCAS tests.	Anyone with the MCAS Student Kiosk downloaded to their device	At the completion of a practice test, students will see the following on their screens for machine-scored questions: • total raw score out of total points earned • points earned per question • correct answers Short answer, constructed-response, and essay and extended response questions will show as “Not Scored.” Students, staff, and families are not able to access responses to these questions after a student clicks the Submit button. Score reports are not available.

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Option 3: <u>MCAS Training Site</u>	Schools may set up practice tests in the MCAS Training Site as a practice administration for completing all tasks in preparation for testing, including • registering students • creating classes • scheduling tests	Schools will need to set up students with individual usernames and passwords.	At the completion of a practice test, students will see the following on their screens for machine-scored questions: • total raw score out of total points earned • points earned per question • correct answers Test administrators can view the following in the MCAS Training Site for each student: • total raw score out of total points earned • points earned per question for machine-scored questions • student responses to short-answer, constructed-response, and extended response and essay questions

Option 1: MCAS Resource Center

Students, educators, and families can visit the [MCAS Resource Center](#) to access MCAS practice tests.

Students are not recommended to enter responses to short-answer (for math only), constructed-response, or essay and extended response (ELA only) questions in the practice tests on the MCAS Resource Center, as responses will not be saved or scored after students click on the Submit button. However, students can review their answers to all machine-scored questions on the Review screen after they click the Submit button.

Option 2: MCAS Student Kiosk

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



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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 permission to conduct these steps:

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

These are the same steps 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 usernames and passwords 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—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, as described below.

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

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

Scoring—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 on the following page, which includes the following:

- the total raw score out of total points earned (machine-scored questions only)
- the points earned per machine-scored question
- short-answer, constructed-response, essay, and extended response 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 select a question number on the Review Screen to view a correct answer. In the example below, the student is viewing the correct answer for question 9 (labeled **1**).

Correct Answer for Question 9 **1**

Current Score : 1 out of 1

2 Return

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** (labeled **2**) to return to the Review screen. When students are done reviewing their results, they can click **Exit**. This will bring them to the page where they can either take the next session or exit the test.