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How to Read Your Student's MCAS Report

Spring 2015 MCAS Tests Parent/Guardian Reports were sent out recently. Our intent with this month's calendar is to give you additional information on how to interpret your child's report. You may also wish to consult with your child's teacher or school principal as parent conferences will be occurring shortly.

Page 1: Contains a letter of explanation from Education Commissioner, Dr. Mitchell Chester, regarding the report. Here you will also find MCAS facts and information on how the results are used.

For more information on MCAS:
www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents

Page 2: Details both your child's score and achievement level (Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement or Warning/Failing) in each subject tested. A growth percentile will be recorded if your child took MCAS in previous years in that subject.

The section below the achievement level explains each performance level in detail. The black bar indicates your child's actual score, while the small gray bar shows a range of possible scores your child would get if the tests were taken multiple times.

Page 3: A checkmark highlights your child's achievement in each subject and shows percentages of each performance level in your child's school, district and state.

Your child's achievement compared to school, district, and state achievement

This section shows your child's achievement in each subject. It also shows the percentage of students at each achievement level in your child's school, district, and the state. The check (✓) indicates your child's achievement level. Percentages are not shown if fewer than 10 students took the test.

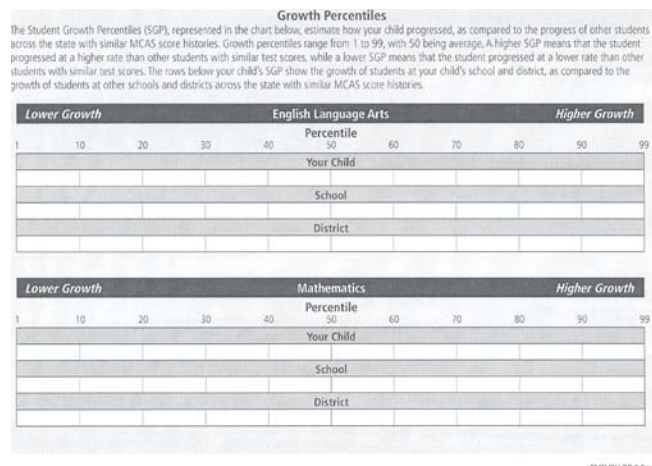
English Language Arts				
Achievement Level	Your Child	School	District	State
Advanced				
Proficient				
Needs Improvement				
Warning/Failing				
Mathematics				
Achievement Level	Your Child	School	District	State
Advanced				
Proficient				
Needs Improvement				
Warning/Failing				
Science and Technology/Engineering				
Achievement Level	Your Child	School	District	State
Advanced				
Proficient				
Needs Improvement				
Warning/Failing				

The growth percentile is another way of looking at your child's progress. The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) compares your child's growth over time as compared to his/her academic peers (other students in the state who received similar MCAS scores).

The SGP is calculated from MCAS data. Instead of a scaled score range, SGP is based on percentiles ranging from 1-99.

1-39 Lower Growth
 40-60 Moderate Growth
 61-99 Higher Growth

For e.g. If your child's growth percentile is 75 then he/she scored higher than 75% of students who received similar scores in previous years in that content area.



For more information on Growth Percentiles:
www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/growth

Page 4: Shows the number and percentage of points earned by your child in each of the categories that are measured by each test. This information will give you a sense of your child's strengths and weaknesses.

The bottom portion of the page indicates how your child did on each question. Information about the type of question, reporting categories (e.g. LA=Language; NS=Number Sense) and points earned are listed here.

For more information on released test items:
www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html

Where can you find more information?

MCAS test results for all schools and districts in the state

Requirements for the participation of students with disabilities in MCAS

Requirements for the participation of students with limited English proficiency in MCAS and MEPA

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/state_report/mcas.aspx

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/participation/sped.pdf>

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/participation/lep.pdf>