

APPENDIX P
LEGACY MCAS SAMPLE
REPORTS

THE FUTURE

**She knows there is
always a new way
to get things done.**



Preparing children for an ever-changing world takes more than facts and figures. In fact, education should help all students develop the skills they need to shape their own future. And that means deeper learning experiences, both in the classroom and in the community.

That's why Massachusetts public schools are working together on a new way forward. One that will bring innovation to all classrooms, engage the whole community in learning, and redefine education so that it comes to life for every student. Because our children need more than business as usual. They need a new way of thinking — from all of us.

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Spring 2021 MCAS Tests Parent/Guardian Report

Name:

SASID:

School:

Grade: 9

District:

Date of Birth:

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

This *Parent/Guardian Report* provides your child's results on the 2021 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) high school science and technology/engineering test. The report shows your child's **Achievement Level** (*Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, or Failing*) for the science and technology/engineering test they took in spring of 2021. The report also provides information regarding how your child's performance compares to school, district, and state performance; how your child performed in different reporting categories of the test; and how your child did on individual test questions.

If you have questions about your child's performance, I encourage you to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss the results and identify ways that you can partner with your school to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary

What is MCAS and how are test results used?

MCAS is the Commonwealth's standards-based student assessment program. MCAS has the following primary purposes:

- To help families see whether their children are making expected academic progress
- To help educators identify areas of the curriculum where students are learning well and areas where students may need additional assistance to meet grade-level expectations
- To help the state target resources to schools that need support
- To determine whether students have met the state requirements for the Competency Determination (i.e., whether students are eligible for a high school diploma)
- At the high school level, to determine whether students meet one of the eligibility requirements for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award

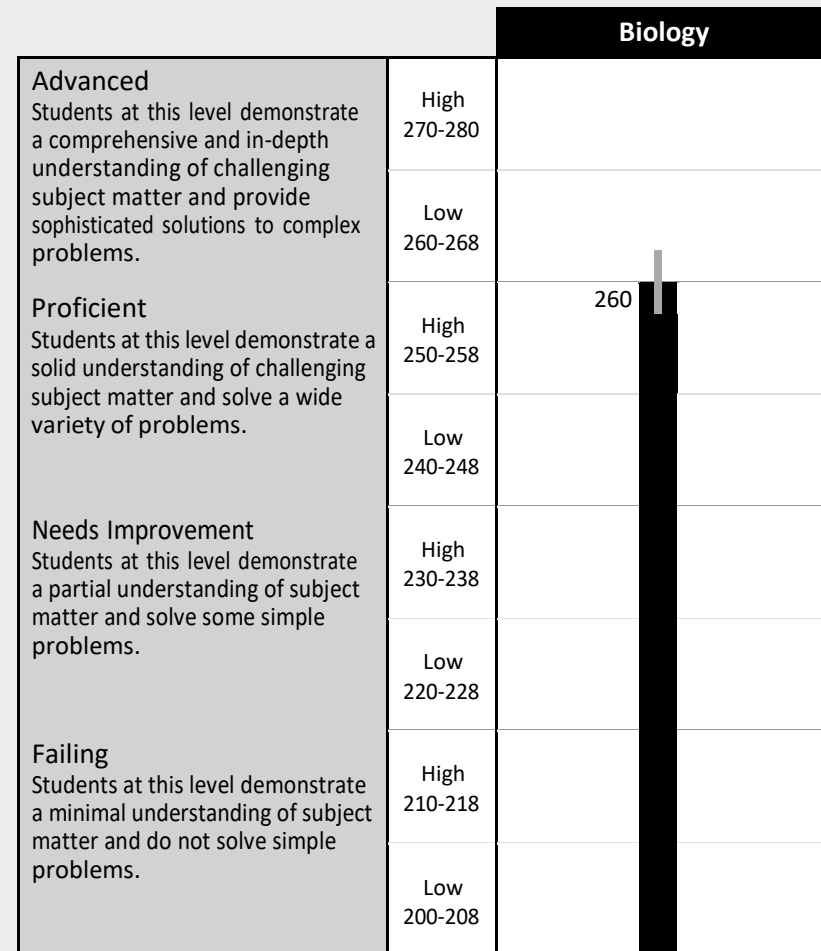
Where can you find more information?

www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents

Your child's Spring 2021 achievement level and score

This section shows your child's MCAS score and achievement level on the high school Science and Technology/Engineering test your child participated in.

Biology
Achievement Level: Advanced Your child has met the MCAS graduation requirement in this subject.
Score: 260



In the figure above, the top of the black bar indicates your child's score on the test. The small gray bar shows the range of likely scores your child would receive if they took the test multiple times.



Student Name:
SASID:

September 2021

Your child's scores in the reporting categories measured by the test

This section shows the number and percentage of possible points earned by your child in each reporting category. For comparison, you will also find the percentage of possible points earned by students who performed at the low end of the *Proficient* level across the state. This information can give

Biology	Reporting Category Code	Points Earned by Your Child	Possible Points	Percent of Possible Points Earned by Your Child	Percent of Possible Points Earned by Students Who Performed at the Low End of the <i>Proficient</i> Level
Biochemistry and Cell Biology	BC	13	15	87	55
Genetics	GE	10	11	91	46
Anatomy and Physiology	AP	6	10	60	47
Evolution and Biodiversity	EV	9	11	82	57
Ecology	EC	10	13	77	66

How your child did on individual test questions

This section shows how your child did on each test question. In the bottom row (Your Child's Score), you will find whether your child gave the correct answer on multiple-choice questions and the number of points earned by your child on other types of questions. Reporting Category codes are given in the table above. Information about the test questions is available at www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testitems.html.

Biology																																														
Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	
Reporting Category	EC	AP	EC	EV	AP	EV	GE	EC	EC	EC	EC	EC	BC	AP	BC	EV	EC	GE	BC	GE	BC	AP	EV	EV	GE	BC	EV	EV	BC	EV	BC	AP	BC	GE	GE	BC	AP	EC	BC	GE	AP	BC	EC	GE	BC	
Your Child's Score	-							-				2/4				-							3/4						-		2/4										-				3/4	3/4

Question Type	Score Codes	
Multiple-choice	*	Correct answer (1 point earned)
	-	More than one answer (0 points earned) Incorrect answer on an unreleased question (0 points earned)
Open-response	x/4	x points earned out of 4
All types	blank space	No answer (0 points earned)