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Slightly more than half of the 362 public school districts across Massachusetts with third- through eighthgraders will test those students this month with the new PARCC exam, which is in line to replace the MCAS as the state's test of choice for student achievement.

Meanwhile, about a quarter of the 295 public districts with at least one high school will use the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC, assessment for students in grades 9 and 11 this year.

Computer-based PARCC testing began Monday; the paper and pencil version will be administered starting next week.

The exam, designed to align with the Common Core curriculum that is being implemented around the country, will provide a new way to compare the performance of students on a state-by-state basis. For students, it requires more critical thinking than other tests have measured. Thought by some to be harder than MCAS,



it also measures college readiness, and, if the state chooses it to replace MCAS, it will be used as a high school graduation requirement, starting with the class of 2020 at the earliest.

It's been up to school districts to decide whether to adopt the exam this spring.

Last year, after state education officials oversaw a field test of the PARCC exam at just over 1,000 schools around the state, each public school district chose whether to administer MCAS or PARCC exams in English language arts and mathematics.

All districts will continue to use MCAS Alternate Assessment exams as well as MCAS exams for science and technology/engineering for grades 5, 8, and high school.

The state's three largest school districts — Boston, Springfield, and Worcester — were able to choose on a school-by-school basis. And the three high school MCAS exams — grade 10 English language arts, grade 10 mathematics, and high school science and technology/engineering — will continue to be a graduation requirement through at least the class of 2019.

Half of grade schools, quarter of high schools opt for PARCC over MCAS

How standardized tests are being administered in public school districts around the state this year

Spring 2015	Total public districts (including charters)	PARCC districts	PARCC students	MCAS districts	MCAS students (approx)
Grades 3-8	362	197	220,000	165	207,000
PARCC for Grade 9 and/or 11 (optional)	295	71	N/A	N/A	N/A

DATA: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Note: There are 408 public school districts, including charter districts. A total of 362 of the districts serve students in grades 3-8, while 46 of the districts serve only high school students. There are 295 districts with at least one high school.

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PARCC has its critics. Some argue that the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System is the better choice, and superior to PARCC. Still, others contend schools should do away with standardized testing

altogether, saying the exams do not always accurately measure how students are performing and whether they will have academic and career success in the future.

The state's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education plans to vote this fall on whether the state should adopt PARCC at public and charter schools statewide.

School districts administering PARCC on paper vs. on computer

How PARCC exams are being administered in public school districts around the state this year

PARCC Details	PARCC Districts	Paper-based exam	Computer-based exam	Mix of paper and computer
Grades 3-8	197	29%	50%	20%
Grade9 and/or 11 (optional	71	21%	73%	6%

DATA: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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For a complete breakdown of which tests are being administered at each public school district and charter school around the state, see below.

Massachusetts schools using PARCC, MCAS, or both in 2015

A look at how standardized tests are being administered in public school districts around the state this year

Organization Name	Grades 3–8 ELA and Math Assessment for 2015	If PARCC, Mode of Administration (Online/Paper)	Optional PARCC Grade 8 Algebra I	Optional PARCC Testing for Grade 9 and/or 11
Abington	MCAS			
Acton	MCAS			
Acushnet	PARCC	Paper		
Agawam	MCAS			
Amesbury	MCAS			
Amherst	MCAS			
Andover	PARCC	Online		
Arlington	MCAS			
Ashland	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Attleboro	PARCC	Both	Yes	grade 9
Auburn	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Avon	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Barnstable	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Bedford	PARCC	Both		

Belchertown	PARCC	Paper		
Bellingham	PARCC	Online		
Belmont	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Berkley	MCAS			
Berlin	PARCC	Online		
Beverly	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Billerica	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Boston*	Both	Both		grades 9 & 11
Bourne	PARCC	Both		
Boxborough	MCAS			
Boxford	PARCC	Online		
Boylston	PARCC	Online		
Braintree	PARCC	Both		
Brewster	MCAS			
Brimfield	PARCC	Online		
Brockton	PARCC	Both		
Brookfield	MCAS			
Brookline	MCAS			
Burlington	PARCC	Online		
Cambridge	MCAS			
Canton	MCAS			
Carlisle	PARCC	Online		
Carver	PARCC	Online		
Chelmsford	MCAS			
Chelsea	PARCC	Online		
Chicopee	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Clarksburg	PARCC	Both		
Clinton	PARCC	Online		
Cohasset	MCAS			
Concord	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Conway	MCAS			
Danvers	PARCC	Both		
Dartmouth	PARCC	Paper	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Dedham	MCAS			

Douglas	PARCC	Online		
Dover	MCAS			
Dracut	MCAS			
Duxbury	MCAS			
East Bridgewater	MCAS			
Eastham	PARCC	Online		
Easthampton	PARCC	Both		
East Longmeadow	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Easton	MCAS			
Edgartown	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Erving	PARCC	Paper		
Everett	PARCC	Both		grade 9
Fairhaven	PARCC	Online		
Fall River	MCAS			
Falmouth	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Fitchburg	PARCC	Both		grades 9 & 11
Florida	PARCC	Online		
Foxborough	PARCC	Both		
Framingham	PARCC	Both		
Franklin	PARCC	Online		
Gardner	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Georgetown	MCAS			
Gloucester	PARCC	Both		
Gosnold	MCAS			
Grafton	MCAS			
Granby	MCAS			
Greenfield	PARCC	Both		
Hadley	MCAS			
Halifax	MCAS			
Hancock	PARCC	Paper		
Hanover	PARCC	Both	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Harvard	MCAS			
Hatfield	MCAS			grade 9
Haverhill	PARCC	Both	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Hingham	MCAS			

Holbrook	MCAS			
Holland	PARCC	Online		
Holliston	MCAS			
Holyoke	MCAS			
Hopedale	MCAS			
Hopkinton	MCAS			
Hudson	MCAS			
Hull	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Ipswich	MCAS			
Kingston	MCAS			
Lanesborough	MCAS			
Lawrence	MCAS			
Lee	MCAS			
Leicester	PARCC	Online		
Lenox	MCAS			
Leominster	PARCC	Paper		grades 9 & 11
Leverett	PARCC	Paper		
Lexington	MCAS			
Lincoln	MCAS			
Littleton	MCAS			
Longmeadow	MCAS			
Lowell	MCAS			
Ludlow	MCAS			
Lunenburg	MCAS			
Lynn	MCAS			
Lynnfield	MCAS			
Malden	PARCC	Online		grade 9
Mansfield	MCAS			
Marblehead	PARCC	Paper		
Marion	PARCC	Online		
Marlborough	MCAS			
Marshfield	MCAS			
Mashpee	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Mattapoisett	PARCC	Online		

Maynard	PARCC	Both	Yes	grade 9
Medfield	MCAS			
Medford	MCAS			
Medway	MCAS			
Melrose	PARCC	Paper		
Methuen	MCAS			
Middleborough	MCAS			
Middleton	PARCC	Online		
Milford	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Millbury	PARCC	Both		
Millis	MCAS			
Milton	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Monson	PARCC	Online		
Nahant	PARCC	Paper		
Nantucket	PARCC	Online		
Natick	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Needham	MCAS			
New Bedford	PARCC	Paper		grades 9 & 11
Newburyport	MCAS			
Newton	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Norfolk	MCAS			
North Adams	MCAS			
Northampton	MCAS			
North Andover	MCAS			
North Attleborough	MCAS			
Northborough	MCAS			
Northbridge	MCAS			
North Brookfield	MCAS			
North Reading	PARCC	Both		grade 9
Norton	MCAS			
Norwell	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Norwood	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Oak Bluffs	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Orange	PARCC	Online		
Orleans	MCAS			

Oxford	MCAS			
Palmer	MCAS			
Peabody	MCAS			
Pelham	PARCC	Paper		
Pembroke	PARCC	Paper	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Petersham	PARCC	Online		
Pittsfield	PARCC	Online		grade 9
Plainville	PARCC	Online		
Plymouth	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Plympton	MCAS			
Provincetown	MCAS			
Quincy	MCAS			
Randolph	MCAS			
Reading	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Revere	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Richmond	PARCC	Paper		
Rochester	PARCC	Online		
Rockland	PARCC	Both		
Rockport	PARCC	Paper		
Rowe	PARCC	Online		
Salem	MCAS			
Sandwich	MCAS			
Saugus	MCAS			
Savoy	PARCC	Online		
Scituate	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Seekonk	PARCC	Online		
Sharon	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Sherborn	MCAS			
Shrewsbury	PARCC	Both		
Shutesbury	PARCC	Paper		
Somerset	MCAS			
Somerville	MCAS			
Southampton	MCAS			
Southborough	MCAS			

South Hadley	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Springfield**	Both	Both		grades 9 & 11
Stoneham	PARCC	Paper		
Stoughton	PARCC	Both		grades 9 & 11
Sturbridge	PARCC	Paper		
Sudbury	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Sunderland	MCAS			
Sutton	MCAS			
Swampscott	MCAS			
Swansea	PARCC	Online		
Taunton	PARCC	Both		
Tewksbury	PARCC	Paper	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Tisbury	PARCC	Online		
Topsfield	PARCC	Paper		
Truro	PARCC	Paper		
Tyngsborough	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Uxbridge	MCAS			
Wakefield	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Wales	PARCC	Online		
Walpole	MCAS			
Waltham	MCAS			
Ware	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Wareham	MCAS			grades 9 & 11
Watertown	PARCC	Paper		
Wayland	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Webster	PARCC	Paper		grades 9 & 11
Wellesley	MCAS			
Wellfleet	PARCC	Online		
Westborough	PARCC	Both	Yes	
West Boylston	MCAS			
West Bridgewater	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Westfield	MCAS			
Westford	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Westhampton	MCAS			

Weston	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Westport	MCAS			
West Springfield	PARCC	Both	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Westwood	PARCC	Online		
Weymouth	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Whately	MCAS			
Williamsburg	MCAS			
Williamstown	MCAS			
Wilmington	MCAS			
Winchendon	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Winchester	MCAS			
Winthrop	MCAS			
Woburn	PARCC	Both	Yes	
Worcester***	Both	Both	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Wrentham	MCAS			
Northampton-Smith Vocational Agricultural	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Alma del Mar Charter School (District)	PARCC	Both		
Excel Academy Charter (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School (District)	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Academy Of the Pacific Rim Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		grade 9
Four Rivers Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Amesbury Academy Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Boston Preparatory Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Bridge Boston Charter School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Christa McAuliffe Regional Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Smith Leadership Academy Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Benjamin Banneker Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Paper		

Pooton Day and Evaning Academy	Doop not offer at 2			
Boston Day and Evening Academy Charter (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Community Day Charter Public School - Gateway (District)	MCAS			
Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Brooke Charter School Roslindale (District)	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
KIPP Academy Lynn Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		grade 9
Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter (District)	MCAS			grades 9 & 11
Community Day Charter Public School - R. Kingman Webster (District)	MCAS			
Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter (District)	MCAS			
Innovation Academy Charter (District)	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Community Charter School of Cambridge (District)	PARCC	Paper		
City On A Hill Charter Public (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Codman Academy Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Conservatory Lab Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		
Community Day Charter Public School - Prospect (District)	MCAS			
Sabis International Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		
Brooke Charter School Mattapan (District)	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Neighborhood House Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		
Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Foxborough Regional Charter (District)	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Boston Collegiate Charter (District)	PARCC	Paper		grade 9
Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (Horace Mann Charter) (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Holyoke Community Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		

Lawrence Family Development Charter (District)	MCAS			
Hill View Montessori Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		
Lowell Community Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		
Brooke Charter School East Boston (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Excel Academy Charter School - Boston II (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Excel Academy Charter School - Chelsea (District)	PARCC	Paper		
KIPP Academy Boston Charter School (District)	PARCC	Online		
Marblehead Community Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
MATCH Community Day Charter Public School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Marthas Vineyard Charter (District)	PARCC	Online		
Salem Community Charter School (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
MA Academy for Math and Science	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
MA Academy for Math and Science MATCH Charter Public School (District)		Paper		grade 9
MATCH Charter Public School	8	Paper		grade 9
MATCH Charter Public School (District) Mystic Valley Regional Charter	8 PARCC	Paper	Yes	grade 9 grades 9 & 11
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Salem Academy Charter (District)	PARCC	Paper		grades 9 & 11
Seven Hills Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		
Prospect Hill Academy Charter (District)	PARCC	Both		
South Shore Charter Public (District)	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Sturgis Charter Public (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Atlantis Charter (District)	MCAS			
Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence (District)	MCAS			
Phoenix Charter Academy (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Pioneer Charter School of Science (District)	PARCC	Paper		grades 9 & 11
Global Learning Charter Public (District)	MCAS			
Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter(District)	MCAS			
Veritas Preparatory Charter School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Hampden Charter School of Science (District)	PARCC	Paper	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Acton-Boxborough	MCAS			
Adams-Cheshire	MCAS			
Amherst-Pelham	MCAS			
Ashburnham-Westminster	PARCC	Online	Yes	grades 9 & 11
Athol-Royalston	MCAS			
Ayer Shirley School District	PARCC	Online		grade 9
Berkshire Hills	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Berlin-Boylston	PARCC	Online		
Blackstone-Millville	MCAS			
Bridgewater-Raynham	MCAS			grades 9 & 11
Chesterfield-Goshen	MCAS			
Central Berkshire	PARCC	Both		
Concord-Carlisle	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Dennis-Yarmouth	PARCC	Both		grades 9 & 11
Dighton-Rehoboth	MCAS			

Dover-Sherborn	MCAS			
Dudley-Charlton Reg	MCAS			
Nauset	MCAS			
Farmington River Reg	MCAS			
Freetown-Lakeville	MCAS			
Frontier	MCAS			
Gateway	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Groton-Dunstable	PARCC	Online		
Gill-Montague	PARCC	Online		
Hamilton-Wenham	MCAS			
Hampden-Wilbraham	MCAS			
Hampshire	MCAS			
Hawlemont	MCAS			
King Philip	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Lincoln-Sudbury	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Manchester Essex Regional	MCAS			
Martha's Vineyard	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Masconomet	MCAS			
Mendon-Upton	MCAS			
Monomoy Regional School District	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Mount Greylock	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Mohawk Trail	MCAS			
Narragansett	MCAS			
Nashoba	MCAS			
New Salem-Wendell	PARCC	Paper		
Northboro-Southboro	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
North Middlesex	MCAS			
Old Rochester	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Pentucket	PARCC	Paper	Yes	
Pioneer Valley	PARCC	Online		
Quabbin	MCAS			grades 9 & 11
Ralph C Mahar	PARCC	Online		grades 9 & 11
Silver Lake	MCAS			

Somerset Berkley Regional School District	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Southern Berkshire	MCAS			
Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District	MCAS			
Spencer-E Brookfield	MCAS			
Tantasqua	MCAS			
Triton	PARCC	Paper		
Up-Island Regional	PARCC	Online	Yes	
Wachusett	MCAS			
Quaboag Regional	PARCC	Online		
Whitman-Hanson	PARCC	Online	Yes	grade 9
Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Tri County Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grades 9 & 11
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Bristol County Agricultural	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Norfolk County Agricultural	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			
Baystate Academy Charter Public School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
Lowell Collegiate Charter School (District)	PARCC	Paper		
City on a Hill Charter Public School II (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester (District)	MCAS			
Pioneer Charter School of Science II (PCSS-II) (District)	PARCC	Paper		grade 9
City On A Hill Charter Public New Bedford (District)	Does not offer gr. 3– 8			grade 9
Argosy Collegiate Charter School (District)	PARCC	Online		
Massachusetts Virtual Academy at Greenfield Commonwealth Virtual District	PARCC	Online	Yes	

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* The three largest districts in the state – Boston, Springfield, Worcester – had the option to make decisions on a school-byschool basis (all other districts made a district-wide decision). Most Boston public schools will be administering PARCC tests in grades 3–8, with the exception of its Level 5 schools which will administer MCAS tests.

** In Springfield, 29 schools will be administering PARCC tests in grades 3–8, and 15 schools will administer MCAS tests in grades 3–8.

*** In Worcester, 22 schools will be administering PARCC tests in grades 3–8, and 17 schools will administer MCAS tests in grades 3–8.

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