



SSC Minutes 2019

March 13, 2019

Meeting began at 6:05 PM. . Mrs. Davis welcomed everyone. Minutes from February meeting were distributed. Accolades for the play were given.

MCAS Presentation: Karen Scholz (Instructional Coach)

Parents in attendance were given the opportunity to have a hands on look at MCAS.

MCas Topics Included:

- Overview of the MCAS Test
- Test Nav tutorial on student chromebooks
- Practice Test Navigation
- MCAS Tips

Schedule for MCAS was shared via Bloomz

MS. Scholz shared the test design for MCAS for grades 3-8 in ELA, Math and Science (Grades 5 and 8).

A history of MCAS was given.

Chromebooks were distributed and parents were able to navigate practice tests at a chosen grade level.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education resources and Pearson tutorial resources were given. MCAS testing tips were also reviewed.

Parents were given the opportunity to ask questions:

Parents asked questions regarding keyboarding, technology access by grade level, MCAS scoring at the school and district level.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.



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Dear Warren-Prescott Parents and Guardians,

The MCAS Assessment is just around the corner for students in grades 3-8! The testing window for the first round of tests is April 1-May 3(ELA) April 2- May 24(Math) April 3 - May 24(Science) . The majority of students will take the test on the computer.

Teachers and students have worked very hard to prepare for these tests. We know you understand how important student performance on the MCAS test is to our entire school community, and we very much appreciate your support. **Please continue to emphasize the importance of doing your best on the MCAS tests with your child.**

The results of these tests are used each year by teachers to improve and differentiate curriculum to better support student learning. They can also be used to determine student groupings, design targeted interventions and assess promotion readiness.

Research suggests that students do better on tests when they:

1. view the test as a challenge and have a confident attitude
2. use test taking strategies emphasized in school
3. do not give up if they get to difficult questions
4. remember the test taking strategies taught by their teachers

The schedule on the back of this page contains your child's ELA, Math and Science testing dates. Please encourage your child to get plenty of sleep the night before testing days and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days. Please also make sure your child arrives to school on time and is not dismissed early. As always, please feel free to contact the school with any questions you may have at 617-635-8346.

Sincerely,

Principal Davis



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2019 MCAS Schedule:

Grade 3	Friday, April 5 - ELA Friday, April 12 - ELA	Friday, May 3 - Math Wednesday, May 8 - Math	
Grade 4	Tuesday, April 9 - ELA Thursday, April 11 - ELA	Tuesday, May 7 - Math Thursday, May 9 - Math	
Grade 5	Wednesday, April 3 - ELA Wednesday, April 10 - ELA	Friday, April 26 - Math Wednesday, May 1 - Math	Friday, May 17 Tuesday, May 21 Science MCAS
Grade 6	Tuesday, April 2 - ELA Thursday, April 4 - ELA	Friday, May 10 - Math Tuesday, May 14 - Math	
Grade 7	Friday, April 5 - ELA Friday, April 12 - ELA	Thursday, May 2 - Math Wednesday, May 15 - Math	
Grade 8	Tuesday, April 2 - ELA Thursday, April 4 - ELA	Friday, May 10 - Math Tuesday, May 14 - Math	Friday, May 17 Tuesday, May 21 Science MCAS

Important Message About Snacks

Snacks will be provided on the day of each test. If you do not want your child to have the school provided snack, please contact your child's teacher and send in a personal snack for your child.