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Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to share information with you about the spring 2021 **MCAS testing schedule for grades 9 and 10 students**. As you may know, the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has determined that MCAS is still a state graduation requirement for current students in grade 9 and 10, so these students are still required to pass the MCAS in order to earn their Competency Determination (CD).

Students in the class of 2023 (current 10th graders) must take and pass the MCAS in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics to earn a high school diploma, in addition to meeting local requirements. Students in the class of 2024 (current 9th graders) are required to take and pass the Biology MCAS this year. Next year, these students will also be required to take and pass the MCAS ELA and mathematics exams. All students will have an opportunity to participate in future retest exams if they do not pass.

The high school MCAS also provides the following opportunity for students to qualify for several state awards and/or scholarships. More information is available on how to qualify for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and the Stanley Z. Koplak Certificate of Mastery Award in the links below.

- [The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship](#)
- [The Stanley Z. Koplak Certificate of Mastery Award](#)

Unlike elementary and middle school exams, the option of taking the high school MCAS exam is not available remotely, so all participating freshmen and sophomores will be required to come to school and sit for the exam. However, for those students who remain in our Remote Learning Only program, a separate testing location will be provided. In addition, these remote students will be able to return home after testing is completed. For families of remote students, please be sure to reach out to the Remote Learning Liaison if you have any questions: Noemi Roberston, robertson-noemi@montytech.net.

Please be assured that Monty Tech will follow all state and local health and safety protocols during the administration of these MCAS sessions. The in-school dates are below:

Test	Date	Time
Grade 10 ELA	May 24, 25	7:45am
Grade 10 Math	May 27, 28	7:45am
Grade 9 Biology	June 2, 3	7:45am

Please make every effort to have your student at school and on time during their testing days. Thank you for your cooperation and we wish all participating students the best of luck on their exams.

Tom Browne
Principal