

MCAS Tips for Parents

1. Check out the question of the day on the Mass. DOE website:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/>

Encourage your student to try a question every day—You can even do it with him or her! You can also find out other information about the tests at that general web site—such as “Pathways to Success,” and MCAS ‘FAQ’s” at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/about1.html>

2. Talk to your student about the information he/she is learning in school. Being aware of the learning process and supporting students to do homework and studying is key to ongoing preparation.
3. Talk with your student’s teachers to find out where their strengths and weaknesses lie.
4. Encourage your student to challenge him/herself by taking challenging courses.
5. Talk to your student’s guidance counselor or teacher if you have questions. We are here to help your student succeed.
6. Have your student participate in review sessions after school in the week before the tests. Tutoring may also available for some students.
7. Make sure your student gets breakfast the day of the test!

****Reminder--ALL students in the Class of 2010 and beyond need to pass ELA, Math and Science MCAS tests to receive a diploma. Students who do not score 240 or above—in the “Proficient” category—will also have to complete an Educational Proficiency Plan and continue in course work and testing in ELA and Math. Help us get all our students to the 240 mark!***