

Diman MCAS Infrastructure Trial and Exam Student and Family FAQ Sheet

1. Where should I go when I arrive at school for the MCAS Infrastructure Trial and/or for the MCAS Exam?

Students arriving at Diman for the MCAS Infrastructure Trial and/or for the MCAS Exam must report to shop for first of the day attendance. Vocational teachers will be able to direct students to MCAS room locations following first of day attendance.

2. Do I need to wear my shop uniform on MCAS days?

Yes- Diman students will be returning to shop in the afternoon. For this reason, all students must wear shop uniforms for both the MCAS Infrastructure Trial and the MCAS Exam.

3. Will breakfast and lunch be served on MCAS days?

Yes- Students should follow all normal arrival procedures for the MCAS infrastructure Trial and MCAS Exam. This means that students wishing to eat breakfast should report first to either the cafeteria (if arriving by bus) or auditorium (if arriving by car or walking). Students who do not need breakfast should report directly to shop.

4. What should I bring with me for MCAS days?

Students should bring all their Diman issued Chromebook, charger, and pencils to school for all MCAS Infrastructure and Exam days. Students should also bring all required shop tools and/or materials.

5. Do I need to take the MCAS?

Yes- Students educated with Massachusetts public funds are required by federal laws and the 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Law, state law M. G. L. Chapter 69, section 1I, to participate in statewide testing. For more information, visit <https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/participation.html>.

6. What should I do to prepare for the MCAS?

Diman has worked all year to prepare students for the MCAS Exam. In the days leading to the MCAS, Diman students should be sure to sleep at least eight hours a night. On the morning of the MCAS Exam, students should be sure to eat a balanced breakfast. Diman students wishing to explore further MCAS practice questions should visit www.dimanregional.org/mcas.

7. Can I still enroll in Diman's Saturday MCAS Academy?

Yes- Diman students may still enroll in the Saturday MCAS Academy. Students wishing to enroll in these preparation sessions should visit www.dimanregional.org/mcas.

8. Can I earn a scholarship by taking the MCAS?

Yes- Students who sit for the regularly scheduled MCAS sessions are eligible for scholarships. Further information on the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship can be found at <https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/adams.html>.

9. What happens if I am absent on one of the MCAS Exam days?

Students who are absent for an MCAS Exam must sit for a make up session. These sessions occur on the next scheduled school day. Diman MCAS calendars can be found at www.dimanregioanl.org/mcas.