



# Ware Junior Senior High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is that time of year again. Spring MCAS testing begins on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Competency Determination requirements established by the Massachusetts Department of Education are outlined below:

For the Class of 2010 and subsequent classes:

Students must score at least 240 on both the Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics MCAS

OR

Students must score at least 220 on both the Grade 10 ELA and math MCAS exams and fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP), which shall be developed for the subject matter area(s) in which students did not score at least 240.

Additionally, students must score at least 220 on the biology or technology and engineering MCAS test.

In order to provide the best testing environment possible, First Student Bus Company will again provide us with two bus runs free of charge. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will come to school at the regular time and will be picked up by the buses as usual. A nutritious hot breakfast will be provided for all these students at 7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. After breakfast, students will report to the rooms assigned for MCAS. Promptly at 8:20, MCAS testing will begin and continue until 10:30 a.m.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., buses will begin to pick up 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are not getting to school by other means. Upon arrival at 10:50, students will report to the cafeteria, homeroom, and then follow a regular bell schedule for the remainder of the day.

Perfect attendance is essential during testing. Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest before the test days and to leave their cell phones and other electronic devices at home. If students bring phones and electronic devices to school, they will be collected at the classroom door, labeled, and returned at the end of the testing session.

Please see the back of this letter for the complete MCAS schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

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Principal