

POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN MCAS

The Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Public Schools recognize that Massachusetts state law requires the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) to be administered to public school students. Furthermore, federal law as well as state regulations require student participation in statewide assessments as one of the criteria for determining adequate yearly progress for both individual schools and the school district as a whole. The Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Public Schools further recognize the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation and state law and regulations make it necessary, unless an express statutory exemption applies, for all students in grades in which the examination is administered to participate in the MCAS.

This policy of the Cambridge School Committee supersedes all prior orders and policies of the Cambridge School Committee with respect to the administration of the MCAS and the participation of students in the MCAS.

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