

Benchmarks Glossary

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AP	Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high school. There are also AP tests to determine student proficiency in those courses. Participation in AP courses is highly desirable for entrance into college.
Benchmarks	Fixed points along a continuum of growth towards proficiency in a particular area.
COP	Certificate of Occupational Proficiency - Awarded to RSTA seniors only
DETAIL	A detailed discipline report of CRLS student infractions presented to the School Committee monthly.
Effective School Battery	A survey measuring school climate administered to teachers K-12 and students 6-12.
ELL	English Language Learner
GAP Indicators	The percentage or ratio of difference in performance between subgroups and white students
GAP Ratio Formula	The percentage of students in a subgroup divided by the percentage of white students. The resulting number is the ratio between the 2 groups of students.
GPA	Grade Point Average. A point system that reflects the average of student's grades.
LAS - R/W	Language Assessment System - Reading and Writing; required by the state of ELL students 3-8
LEP	Limited English Proficient
MCAS C.D.	MCAS Competency Determination - status achieved by CRLS students once they have passed both the MCAS English and MCAS Math tests. It is necessary for graduation.
MCAS - ELA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System English Language Arts
MELA-O	Massachusetts English Language Assessment-Oral; required by the state of ELL students K-12
MEPA - R/W	Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment - Reading and Writing. Measures ELL students' English Language Proficiency against Massachusetts State Standards.
PSAT	Pre-Scholastic Achievement Test - serves as an opportunity for students to have an experience like the SAT. Determines eligibility for National Merit Award.
Primary Indicators	The first, most critical measure of school progress, i.e. proficiency of all students on the MCAS
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test - required of most colleges as a condition of acceptance.
Secondary Indicators	Other measures of school progress that may contribute to, or indicate progress towards, proficiency on the MCAS.