

MCAS History and Social Sciences Tests Suspended

District MCAS Scheduled Adjusted

On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted to waive for at least two years the History and Social Sciences MCAS tests and the subject graduation requirement scheduled to begin with the class of 2012. The Board cited significant budget challenges at the state and local levels for this decision and hopes to establish a timeline for reinstating the assessment and graduation requirement. For the complete news release, visit: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.asp?id=4597>

As a result of this announcement, the Franklin Public Schools' 2008-2009 MCAS Testing Schedule has been modified to reflect the suspension of the History and Social Sciences MCAS (HSS) tests for grades 5, 7 and 11. An additional adjustment has been made to the 5th grade testing schedule. With the elimination of the Grade 5 HSS test and the heaviest testing schedule at any level, the science test has been rescheduled two days later to provide a break for students between the math, ELA and science testing sequence. This change does not extending testing for these students into another week.

If parents/guardians have any questions regarding the district MCAS testing schedule, please don't hesitate to contact my office, or your child/children's school office.

Sincerely,
Michele Kingsland-Smith
Director of Instructional Services