

Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) 2023-2024 School Year

The [Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program \(MCAP\)](#) is comprised of state assessments in the areas of mathematics, English/reading/language arts, science, and social sciences. These assessments are required for students enrolled in grades three through high school and are designed to measure a student’s mastery of the content. This program will build a pathway to measure a student’s progress toward obtaining college and career readiness (CCR). In addition, these assessments will provide educators with valuable information to inform instruction and provide student support. Students will receive a paper copy of their score report after they have been shipped to the schools.

Elementary and Middle School MCAP Assessments

Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Month(s) Assessed	Purposes of the Assessment
MISA 5 & 8 (Science)	5 and 8	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School accountability with the results posted on MD Report Card. Mastery of content learned at that grade level. Course placement, intervention, and enrichment. CCR designation for mathematics and ELA at the high school level.
Mathematics	3 through 8	April-May	
English/Language Arts (ELA)	3 through 8	April-May	
Social Studies 8	8	May	

High School MCAP Assessments

At the high school level, students enrolled in the course designated below will participate in the assessment near the completion of the course. Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, graduation requirements for Biology and American Government courses now require students to take the state assessment as an end-of-course (EOC) exam.

Assessment	Time of Year Assessed	Score Impact			
		Graduation Assessment Requirement	College and Career Ready (CCR) Requirement	Dual Enrollment <small>*Tuition Waiver may be granted in other ways. Click link for more details.</small>	Seal of Biliteracy
Algebra I (May be taken in middle school)	December-January, April-May	Participate	Performance Level of 3 or 4 or SAT Math \geq 520	Tuition waiver, if CCR in both Math and ELA	
Geometry (May be taken in middle school)	December-January, April-May	N/A	Performance Level of 3 or 4 or SAT Math \geq 520	Tuition waiver, if CCR in both Math and ELA	
Algebra II					
English 10	December-January, April-May	Participate	Performance Level of 3 or 4	Tuition waiver, if CCR in both Math and ELA	Participate
LS MISA End of course (EOC) assessment** 20% of Final Grade.	December-January, May	Pass the Biology course	N/A		
Government End of course (EOC) assessment** 20% of Final Grade.	December-January, May	Pass the American Government course	N/A		

****Graduation assessment requirements for Biology (LS MISA) and American Government (Government) will now be met through the end-of-course exams. The End-of-Course (EOC) exams were adopted by the State Board on July 25, 2021. The EOC exams comprise 20 percent of the student’s final grade in the relevant courses. Students must earn a passing course grade to earn course credit. Students who do not earn a passing course grade will need to repeat the course.****