

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) is transitioning to the Maryland System of Testing Academic Readiness (MSTAR). While the name is changing the assessment program is still comprised of state assessments in the areas of mathematics, English/reading/language arts, science, and social studies. 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). Additionally, these assessments will provide educators with valuable information to inform their instruction and support students. Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be distributed to students by the end of the school year for winter MCAP assessments and at the beginning of the following school year for spring MSTAR/MCAP assessments.

## ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MSTAR AND MCAP ASSESSMENTS

| ASSESSMENT                         | GRADE LEVEL(S) | MONTH(S) ASSESSED |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>MISA 5 &amp; 8 (Science)</u>    | 5 and 8        | April-May         |
| <u>Mathematics</u>                 | 3 - 8          | April-May         |
| <u>English/Language Arts (ELA)</u> | 3 - 8          | April-May         |
| <u>Social Studies 8</u>            | 8              | April-May         |

Purposes of the assessment:

- 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.

## 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. Graduation requirements for Biology and US Government courses require students to take the state assessment as an end-of-course (EOC) exam. This assessment is worth 20% of the student's final grade.

### SCORE IMPACT

| ASSESSMENT                                                          | TIME OF YEAR ASSESSED       | <u>Graduation Assessment Requirement</u> | <u>College and Career Readiness (CCR) Requirement</u> | <u>Dual Enrollment*</u>           | <u>Seal of Biliteracy</u>   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Algebra I</u>                                                    | December-January; April-May | Participate                              | Performance Level of 3 or 4                           | Tuition waiver, CCR standards met |                             |
| <u>English 10</u>                                                   | December-January; April-May | Participate                              | Performance Level of 3 or 4                           | Tuition waiver, CCR standards met | Performance Level of 3 or 4 |
| <u>LS MISA</u><br><i>EOC assessment<br/>20% of final grade**</i>    | December-January; April-May | Pass the Biology course                  | N/A                                                   |                                   |                             |
| <u>Government</u><br><i>EOC assessment<br/>20% of final grade**</i> | December-January; April-May | Pass the US Government course            | N/A                                                   |                                   |                             |

\*Tuition waiver may be granted in other ways.

\*\*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.