

# State Assessments 2018

Westerly School Committee

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**RIDE** Rhode Island  
Department  
of Education



- Administered in April/May
- Computer based testing except for students who need a paper based assessment as an accommodation.
- Pearson Access Next and TestNav platforms. There may be slight differences from the PARCC version.
- RI will make appropriate changes to the current MCAS accommodations (e.g., Spanish translation of mathematics assessment, eligibility for alternate assessment)
- Massachusetts is making some changes from the 2017 to 2018 administration (e.g., narrative writing)
- MCAS Test Design: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/>
- MCAS Student Tutorial and Practice Tests: <http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/tutorial/>
- Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/boe/docs/FY2017/2017-03/item3.html>

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- **Spring 2017**
  - o Provide tools to review Massachusetts Curriculum Framework
- **Summer 2017**
  - o August School and District administrator trainings
    - Overview of assessment system
    - Timelines for assessment training and administration
    - Toolkit on assessment system to share information with stakeholders
- **Fall 2017**
  - o Overview of assessment system webinar
  - o RICAS accommodations training
  - o PSAT administration training and administration



## English language arts

- **Grades 3–5:** 3 sessions
- **Grades 6–8:** 2 sessions

## Mathematics

- **Gr. 3–6:** 2 non-calculator sessions
- **Gr. 7–8:** 1 non-calculator session and 1 calculator session

# RICAS ELA Item Types



Question Type	Total Points	Domain Assessed	Grade Levels
Multiple Choice <i>Students select the correct answer(s) from among several answer options.</i>	1 or 2	Reading Comprehension	Grades 3–8
Technology Enhanced <i>Students taking the computer-based test answer questions using technology such as drag-and-drop or hot spot.</i>	2	Reading Comprehension	Grades 3–8
<b>Short Response</b> <i>Students construct a short written response, approximately the length of a paragraph.</i>	3	Reading Comprehension	Grades 3 and 4
<b>Narrative Essay*</b> <i>Students write an essay in response to text they have read (expected response length is two pages for grade 3; four pages for grades 4–8).</i>	6	Writing	Grades 3–5
	7		Grades 6–8
<b>Text-Based Essays</b> <i>Students write an essay in response to text(s) they have read (expected response length is one page for grades 3–5; two pages for grades 6–8).</i>	7	Reading Comprehension	Grades 3–5
	8	Comprehension and Writing	Grades 6–8

# RICAS Math Item Types



Question Type	Total Points	Grade Levels
<p><b>Multiple Choice</b> Students select one correct answer from among several answer options.</p>	1	Grades 3–8
<p><b>Multiple Select</b> Students select more than one correct answer from among several answer options.</p>	1	Grades 3–8
<p><b>Short Answer/Fill-in-the-Blank</b> Students construct a short written response, typically only a word or a number.</p>	1	Grades 3–8
<p><b>Technology Enhanced</b> Students answer questions using technology such as drag-and-drop or hot spot (on the computer-based test only).</p>	1 or 2	Grades 3–5
	1, 2 or 4	Grades 6–8
<p><b>Open Response</b> Students write a response to a multi-part item that includes answers and explanations to all parts.</p>	2 or 3	Grade 3
	3 or 4	Grades 4–8

# PSAT/NMSQT & SAT *School Day*



- All public high schools and schools with public school students will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.
- PSAT/NMSQT 2016 Administration
  - Statewide Testing Day: October 2017
- SAT School Day 2017 Administration
  - Statewide Testing Day: April 2018
- Topic to be addressed
  - Registration process
  - Accommodations process
  - Process (if any) for other students to test (e.g., 11 graders taking PSAT)
  - Make up testing





- The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is a *computer-based assessment* based on the Common Core State Standards and DLM Essential Elements (EEs).
- Grade specific test specifications are available in English language arts (ELA) and math.
- **RI will use the Year End (YE) DLM spring assessment.**
- Students in grades 3 -8 and grade 11 participate in ELA and Mathematics. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will participate in Science.
- Test administration occurs April/May
- Assessment information and sample items can be found at [http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/erp\\_im](http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/erp_im)



- Computer-adaptive using "testlets" (groups of approximately 5-7 items each):
  - Student performance on each testlet (correct and incorrect answers) determines the next testlet the student will receive and if that testlet is the same level, somewhat easier, or somewhat harder than the last testlet.
  - Approximately nine testlets of 5-7 items each make up each content area test.
- Teacher does not design the assessment activities/test items.
- Students DO NOT have to be able to use the computer to take the test.
- Teacher training is online, similar to MSAA.
- Professional Development materials are available for all teachers through the DLM site.

# RI State Science Assessment



## Proposed Design of RI NGSS State Assessment

Grades	5,8, and 11
Standards	NGSS (3-5, 6 – 8, high school)
Content	Common and matrix sampling to capture grade band Pes across school and testing years
Duration	Approximately 120 minutes with out directions
Scheduling	Spring
Item Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Real world scenarios/investigations with clusters of interrelated questions to capture three dimensions</li><li>• Some standalone items</li></ul>
Testing Mode	Computer Based
Timeline	Spring 2018 Census Field Test Spring 2019 Operational Administration

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