

# Malden Public Schools Newsletter *March 2025*

## Message from the Superintendent



Dear Malden Public Schools Parents and Caregivers,

MCAS testing starts this month! MCAS is a set of statewide tests that is required by law for students in grades 3-8 and grade 10. MCAS is an extremely important measure of students' achievement and their readiness for the future.

Testing dates can be viewed on our new MCAS webpage:

[maldenps.org/mcas-testing](https://maldenps.org/mcas-testing). Dates vary by grade level and school, so be sure to pay attention if you have students in multiple schools and/or grades. Students will take tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math in grades 3-8 and 10. Students in grades 5 & 8 take an additional Science, Technology, and Engineering (STE) exam. Students in 8th grade take the Civics exam as well. High School students also take the Biology exam.

Please help your student succeed on these assessments by making sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive on time or early to school on the day of the test. Thank you in advance for encouraging and helping your students do their best on MCAS!

As always, if there is any way we can better support your child's success or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or reach out to the district office at (781) 397-6100.

Have a great rest of March and go Malden!

Sincerely,

**Timothy Sippel, Ed.L.D.**

Superintendent of Schools



## District Happenings

**Attendance:** As we enter spring, student attendance is more important than ever. The next few months will feature lots of learning as well as standardized testing and fun field trips. To get the most out of all of these opportunities, students need to arrive at school on time, every day. Any time your student is not in school is time they are not learning, and may therefore be falling behind. We appreciate your partnership in supporting your students' regular attendance for the rest of the school year!

**Superintendent Feedback Session:** Superintendent Sippel invites all parents and caregivers to share feedback regarding his Entry Plan Findings at the next Superintendent Feedback Session. This next session will be held virtually on **Zoom on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Simultaneous translation will be available in multiple languages (Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish). Stay up to date on the entry plan at [maldenps.org/superintendent-2024-entry-plan](https://maldenps.org/superintendent-2024-entry-plan).

Video Call Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87670422195>

Or dial: (US) +1 646 931 3860 Webinar ID: 876 7042 2195 **Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten Registration:** It's time to register for Kindergarten! Malden Public Schools' *Kindergarten registration is now open for new and returning students*. Any child living in Malden who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2025 should register as soon as possible. Following registration, school assignments will be communicated to the parents and caregivers of incoming kindergarteners later this spring. To learn about the registration process and what documents you will need, please visit [maldenps.org/registration](https://maldenps.org/registration).

**Summer Programming:** Summer is coming! Current Malden Out-Of-School Time (MOST) families can now register for the MOST summer program. This program runs from June 23-August 1 and is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Students are enrolled on a weekly basis with tuition of \$275 per week per student (there is a 10% sibling discount).

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and space may fill up before the priority registration period ends on March 28-- so be sure to complete your registration as soon as possible! For more information and to start registering, visit [maldenps.org/mpsbeforeafterschoolprograms](https://maldenps.org/mpsbeforeafterschoolprograms).

**Health Curriculum Listening Session:** On Thursday, March 20, the Malden Public Schools Wellness department will host a virtual listening session for parents and caregivers as part of their K-12 Health Curriculum Review Process. In the session, caregivers will be asked to weigh in on developing a comprehensive, skills-based health curriculum that empowers our students with critical health skills.

Caregivers are invited to attend this session on [Google Meet](#) from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Video Call Link: [meet.google.com/wgp-vjxw-uor](https://meet.google.com/wgp-vjxw-uor)

Or Dial: (US) +1 413-752-0374 PIN: 320 868 250#



## Community Resource Spotlight

Each month we are highlighting a local Malden resource that can help students and families. This month we are spotlighting the **Malden Teen Enrichment Center** (MTEC).

The MTEC provides a "welcoming, structured, and safe environment for Malden teens to spend time with their friends, receive homework assistance, play games, take part in enriching activities, develop leadership skills, promote community service, and much more."

The Center is located at 7 Washington St. in Malden and is open Monday through Friday, 2:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Learn more at [cityofmalden.org/1059/Teen-Enrichment-Center](https://cityofmalden.org/1059/Teen-Enrichment-Center).

You can find more local resources at [cityofmalden.org](https://cityofmalden.org).



## Upcoming Important Dates

- **March:** Kindergarten Registration is Open!
- **March:** MOST Summer Program Registration is Open!
- **Mar. 10:** School Committee and MEA Negotiation Session, 5:30-7:30 p.m., City Hall (City Council Chambers)
- **Mar. 13:** Term 3 Progress Reports Distributed
- **Mar. 18:** Salemwood Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Mar. 19:** Beebe Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- **Mar. 19:** Linden Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

- **Mar. 20:** Virtual PE/Health Curriculum Listening Session, 6:00-7:00 p.m., [meet.google.com/wgp-vjxw-uor](https://meet.google.com/wgp-vjxw-uor)
- **Mar. 25:** First day of 2025 MCAS testing in Malden (not all schools); full schedule available [here](#)
- **Mar. 25:** Virtual Superintendent Feedback Session, 6:00-7:30 p.m., <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87670422195>
- **Mar. 26:** School Committee and MEA Negotiation Session, 5:30-7:30 p.m., City Hall (City Council Chambers)
- **Apr. 7:** School Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, (City Council Chambers)
- **Apr. 10:** School Committee and MEA Negotiation Session, 3:30-5:30 p.m., City Hall (City Council Chambers)
- **Apr. 15:** Term 3 Report Cards Distributed
- **Apr. 18: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal; all students**
- **Apr. 21 - 25: April Break**
- **Apr. 28:** School is Back in Session
- **June 13:** Last Day of School
- **August 27:** First Day of School for 2025-2026 School Year



## Important Links

### Aspen Portal

### Calendars

- [Report Card Schedule Caregiver/Teacher](#)
- [Conferences Calendar](#)
- [District Academic Calendar](#)
- [MCAS Testing Schedule](#)
- [2025-2026 School Year Calendar](#)

### Meal Menus

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