

MCAS 101

Woodsdale School

THE TEST



Grades 3 & 4 are each tested in ELA and Mathematics. Each test consists of questions and problems related to the standards. There are 2 sessions for each test, taken in successive school days.



Typically, the ELA test asks students to read and analyze a passage, poem, or an article and answer questions based upon what they have read. Test questions take many forms: from building & constructing, to multiple choice, and writing.



The Math test asks students to apply skills using multiple choice, filling in values, working to construct (with fractions or geometry) and write about what they know.

TEST LOGISTICS

- Typically, each classroom tests from the morning (9:15) until lunch. Each student has until the end of the day to complete their session. Only one session each day is allowed.
- Classrooms test together, with the exception of small groups
- Specialists are rescheduled so that students do not miss out on the opportunities for PE, Health, Technology or Art.
- All tests are administered online (either within the computer lab or with laptops in classrooms).
- Staff are all trained in test security and navigation. We're able to help students with where to find certain tools within the testing software, and we're able to reiterate (not clarify) directions

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE TEST

- ✓ OPEN CHROME
- ✓ SEARCH “MCAS PRACTICE TEST”



Session 1

17 Questions

DIRECTIONS

Read each passage and question carefully. Then answer each question as well as you can.

Some questions will ask you to write a response. Write each response in the box provided on your screen. Your response may be longer than the space you see in the box. If your writing fills the box, a scroll bar will appear and you can keep on typing. You will be able to use the scroll bar to see everything you have written. Click on the Exhibits tab for more information on how to use response boxes.

If you do not know the answer to a question, you may bookmark it and go on to the next question. When you are finished, you may review your answers and go back to any questions you bookmarked.

Start



Review

Bookmark



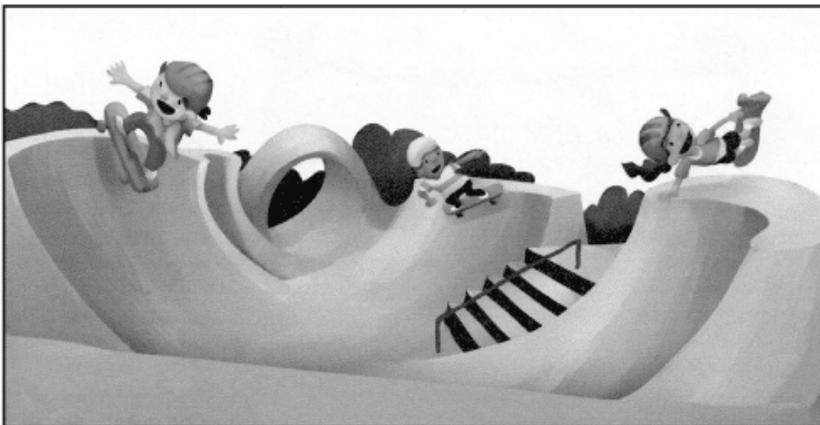
Guest



Read the passage about a snake named Willy Wiggler and then answer the questions that follow.

Willy Wiggler's Wheels

by Kathleen M. Muldoon



1 Willy Wiggler wanted wheels. He was tired of slithering around City Park on his belly.

2 Every day Willy watched people whiz by on wheels—boys and

Where does most of the story take place?

- A. the park
- B. the moon
- C. Roy's log
- D. Willy's rock

Exhibits



SPEND SOME TIME HERE:

Question 7

Question 8

Question 9

Question 10

Question 11



Session 2

8 Questions

*You may **not** use a calculator during this session.*

DIRECTIONS

Read each question carefully and then answer it as well as you can.

If a question asks you to show or explain your work, you must do so to receive full credit. Enter your response in the box provided on your screen. Only responses entered in the response box will be scored.

If you do not know the answer to a question, you may bookmark it and go on to the next question. When you are finished, you may review your answers and go back to any questions you bookmarked.

Start



Review

Bookmark



Guest



Find the quotient.

$$42 \div 7$$

Enter your answer in the box.

Exhibits



SPEND SOME TIME HERE:

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

Question 5

Question 6

Question 8

HOW TO HELP PREPARE YOUR STUDENT

- Rest up! The test day can be a long day, with anxiousness & nervousness leading up to it. Be sure there are a few nights of good sleep prior.
- Healthy breakfast, Test Treat for afterwards!
- Coach 'em up! It is important for our students to try their best on test day. Our consistent message is: “This is important, you can do this! Try your hardest, on each question.”