

# Course Selection & MCAS Testing Information

Class of 2027

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT JUNIOR YEAR



**Big year for courses and post-secondary planning**



**Must pass 35 credits to be eligible for senior year**



**Students must be in good academic standing to participate in Co-op  
Fourth quarter and/or summer of junior year**



**Opportunities for Concurrent Enrollment Classes Junior and Senior year**



**Consider Mass Core Graduation Requirements in addition to Shawsheen  
Tech Requirements**



**Math, ELA and STE MCAS Requirement**

# UPDATED Graduation and Competency Determination (CD) Requirements

Graduation - To fulfill graduation requirements, a student must have successfully completed or demonstrated the following:

- Thirty-five (35) senior credits
- Four (4) years of English, four (4) years of Wellness, three (3) years of shop, three (3) years of related theory, three (3) years of Mathematics, two (2) years of Social Studies (including United States History I and II), two (2) years of Science, and a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year of Social Studies or Science.
- Participate in MCAS testing for ELA, Mathematics and STE
- Successful completion of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School competency determination requirements:**
  - Students, in the class of 2025, who have previously earned a Competency Determination (CD) through a regular or retest administration of the MCAS (including the November 2023 retest) or through a DESE appeal process, have earned their competency determination.
  - Students at Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School who have not yet earned their competency determination through previous MCAS administrations can meet the requirements for a competency determination through the following:
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of a grade 10 English course**
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of an Algebra 1 and Geometry course**
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Science and Technology course.**





# MCAS Testing: What you Need to Know

 **MCAS participation is required by federal & state law—**  
Shawsheen students must complete testing in:

- ✓ **ELA**
- ✓ **Mathematics**
- ✓ **Science/Technology/Engineering**

-  **ELA MCAS: March 25 & 26**
- ✓ **Take your time & do your best!**
  - ✓ **Dismissal will not be until at least first lunch (10:43)**

# MCAS at Shawsheen: Key Points & Testing Dates

## Why MCAS Matters

- MCAS participation and performance impact **Shawsheen's accountability report** from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.
- Strong results contribute to **Shawsheen's reputation** and post-secondary opportunities for students.

## MCAS Scores Are Used To:

- ✓ **Determine eligibility** for the **John & Abigail Adams Scholarship** (scholarship money for postsecondary study).
- ✓ **Qualify students** for the **Seal of Biliteracy**.
- ✓ **Assess student competency** in core subjects.
- ✓ **Guide curriculum improvements** at Shawsheen.

## Important for Students & Families:

All Shawsheen students **must complete the three MCAS assessments** to meet graduation and scholarship eligibility requirements.

## Spring 2025 MCAS Testing Dates


- ✂ **ELA:** March 25-26, 2025
- ✂ **Mathematics:** May 20-21, 2025
- ✂ **Science:** June 4-5, 2025



# Pass the MCAS Exams & Get Rewarded!



In addition to **Scholarship Opportunities** & the **Seal of Biliteracy**, we're also offering **Gift Cards**!

 Earn a \$10 Gift Card to the School Store for Each MCAS Exam You Pass!

- ✓ ELA MCAS = \$10 Gift Card
- ✓ Math MCAS = \$10 Gift Card
- ✓ Biology MCAS = \$10 Gift Card

 Earn Up to \$30 to Spend at the School Store!

# COURSE SELECTION TIMELINE

Course Recommendations from Teachers	March 17- 28	Teachers meet with students to discuss course recommendation
Student meets 1:1 with guidance counselor to complete course selection in Aspen	March 31- April 11	Schedule is created
Schedules sent to students and families (via email)	Early May	Feedback and schedule changes due May 15 (after this point, schedules are final*)

# CREATING YOUR SCHEDULE FOR JUNIOR YEAR

## Required Courses

- English
- Math
- Related
- PE
- Shop
- Any other graduation requirements not yet met
  - 2 years of Science
  - 2 years of Social Studies
  - 1 extra year of Science or Social Studies
  - EPP

## Recommended Courses

### Common Core for College Admission

- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Lab Science
- 3 years of Social Studies (US 1, US 2 and World History)
- 2 years of Foreign Language\*
- Classes of interest to you



# Grade 11 ELA Offerings

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

<b>1ENG101HJ</b>	CE English Composition 1 + Honors Literary Analysis	1	6.5
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<b>1ENG101</b>	CE English Composition 1	1	5.0
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<b>1032</b>	CP Junior English	2	5.0
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<b>1033</b>	CP Junior English	3	5.0
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<b>1034</b>	CP Junior English	4	5.0
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<b>1035</b>	CP Junior English	5	5.0
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<b>9134</b>	Junior English*	5	5.0
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# Mathematics Offerings Junior Year

	<b>MATHEMATICS</b>		
3MAT195J	CE Pre-Calculus for Science & Engineering	1	5.0
3031	CP Algebra II	2	5.0
3032	CP Algebra II	3	5.0
3033	CP Algebra II	4	5.0
9332	Algebra II*	5	5.0

# Grade 11 Science Offerings

\*RECOMMEND AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF LAB-BASED STE\*

SCIENCE			
5CHE131J	CE College Chemistry 1	1	5.0
5032	CP Lab Chemistry	2	5.0
5034	CP Lab Physical Science	3	2.5
5035	CP Lab Horticulture	3	2.5
9534	Physical Science*	5	2.5





# Grade 11 Social Studies Offerings

\*Recommend at least three years- including US 1, 2 and World\*

	SOCIAL STUDIES		
2030	Honors Modern World History	1	2.5
2031	CP Modern World History	2	2.5
9232	Modern World History*	5	2.5



# ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS

OFFERED BASED ON ENROLLMENT



## WORLD LANGUAGE

4031	CP Spanish I	3	2.5
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4034	CP Spanish II	3	2.5
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4037	CP Spanish III	3	2.5
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# CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (CE)



Allows students to take college-level classes during their high school schedule.



Classes are taught by Shawsheen teachers who have been vetted by Middlesex Community College.



Students are delivered a rigorous college-level curriculum, and concurrently fulfill their high school graduation requirements, while also earning college credit if they elect to do so.



# Important Information about Concurrent Enrollment Courses

**College-Equivalent (CE) Courses & GPA Impact:** CE courses appear on a student's **college transcript** and contribute to their **overall college GPA**.

**Building a Permanent College Transcript:** Enrolling in CE courses means **starting a college transcript** that will **follow you throughout your academic and professional life**. These grades become a **permanent part of your record**, impacting future college and career opportunities.

**Credit Transferability:** CE course credits are **accepted by all Massachusetts Public Colleges and Universities** and by **most private colleges** – please use **this link** to do your own research.

**<https://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/equivalencies/main.asp>**



# GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CE



Meets readiness  
requirements for ENG101



PSAT or SAT score of 480  
or higher for Evidence  
Based Reading and  
Writing\*



At least a 3.0 high school  
grade point average



11<sup>th</sup> grade subject matter  
teacher recommendation



\*Subject-specific  
requirements may also  
apply depending on the  
course selection. See the  
program of studies for  
additional information\*

\*As long as a student meets Shawsheen's requirements, then the student is allowed to take the class without enrolling in MCC course.

# PSAT- 10 Testing – Great practice & Eligibility for CE

PSAT- 10 testing date April 16<sup>th</sup>

Registration information:

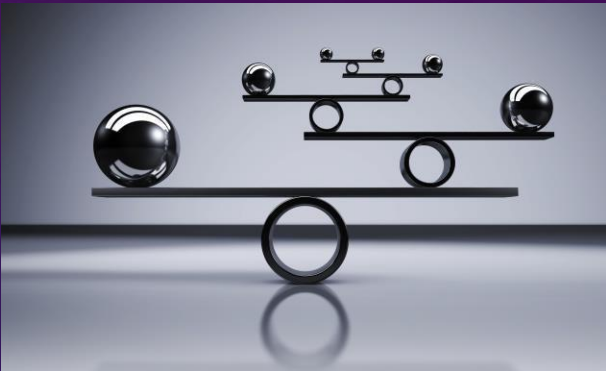
- Free for any 10<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested
- Registration begins **Thursday, March 6** and **ends on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Students will only be able to register during homeroom.

Necessary for CE eligibility & is a great way to prep for the SAT

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# COURSE CHANGES



The course-selection process that takes place each spring is conducted with great care and with input from teachers and guidance counselors. **CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES WISELY.**

Course changes are disruptive to the continuity of a student's educational program and the master schedule.

All course change requests must occur prior to the end of the school year.

Extremely limited course change requests can be submitted within the first two weeks of school. After this time, no other requests will be granted except in extraordinary circumstances which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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