

2018 MCAS Preliminary District Accountability Reports

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released results from the next generation MCAS testing conducted in the spring of 2018. While the results are indicative of the excellence in teaching and academic performance of students and teachers at CPS and CCHS, a highlight of the results was the Willard School being categorized as a School of Recognition.

The new MCAS system includes additional accountability indicators to provide educators with information about school performance and student opportunities beyond test scores. There are normative and criterion-referenced components with accountability percentiles and references to progress towards targets. The system focuses on raising the performance of each school's lowest performing students in addition to the performance of the school as a whole.

Under the next generation MCAS, Massachusetts accountability indicators for grades 3-8 include achievement, student growth, English language proficiency and additional indicators such as chronic absenteeism. For high schools, the accountability indicators are very similar with the addition of high school completion as an element.

For more information on the MCAS reports and to see a copy of the presentation made to the School Committees, interested individuals are encouraged to visit the District's web site; <http://www.concordps.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CPSCCHS-MCAS-reporting-2018.pdf>.

School Improvement Plans

The Principals from CPS and CCHS presented the School Improvement plans for each school site in CPS and at CCHS at the most recent meeting of the School Committees. The plans reflect input from teachers, students, staff and residents and are aligned with the Districts' strategic plan.

Each of the plans is available on the District web site under the School Committee key; <http://www.concordps.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Jt.-10.23.18-with-attachments-1.pdf>.

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The School Committees Contact Information

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