



May 3, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of 11th-Grade HHS Student:

As a result of a recent vote by the MA Board of Education, members of the Class of 2022 will NOT need to pass MCAS exams in order to earn a high school diploma. However, these students may *elect* to take the exams if they wish to compete for state awards such as the [John and Abigail Adams Scholarship](#), the [Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery](#), and/or the [Seal of Biliteracy](#). Current high school juniors may also choose to wait until the next testing opportunity in Fall 2021 to take the tests and attempt to qualify at that time.

Please complete [this survey](#) by Monday, May 10th, to let us know whether you would like your child to take the MCAS exams when they are offered at HHS on Tuesday, June 1st, through Friday, June 4th, beginning at 8 AM on each of those days. The two-day ELA exam will be given on June 1st and 2nd; the two-day Mathematics exam will be given on June 3rd and 4th. The tests are untimed but will probably take most students about 2-3 hours each day. Class absences related to the MCAS will be considered exempt but students may be expected to make up missed assignments.

Thank you for taking a moment to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson

Principal