

# A Quick Guide to Understanding MCAP

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) provides information to educators, parents and the public on student progress towards proficiency on the Maryland state content standards. Through a strong assessment system, stakeholders gain an understanding of how schools are performing and where assistance can be directed to support student growth and achievement.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states administer annual statewide assessments to all students in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in high school, as well as in science once in each grade span (3-5, 6-8 and high school), and annual English language proficiency assessments in grades K-12 for all English learners. Maryland also provides Alternate Assessments written to the Alternate Standards for those students who require this accommodation. Additionally, the majority of Maryland kindergarteners are administered the KRA to determine their readiness for kindergarten.

Please see the table below for a listing of Maryland state assessments.



	Mathematics	English Language Arts/Literacy	Science	Social Studies
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Mathematics 3-8</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Algebra I</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Geometry</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Algebra II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> ELA/L 3-8, 10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> MISA 5*</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> MISA 8*</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> HS MISA*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Social Studies 8</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Government</li> </ul>
<b>ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Alt Mathematics 3-8, 11</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Alt English Language Arts/ Literacy 3-8, 11</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Alt MISA 5, 8, 11</li> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Alt ACCESS for ELLs 1-12</li> </ul>			
<b>ENGLISH LEARNERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> ACCESS for ELLs K-11</li> </ul>			
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #ffc107; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)</li> </ul>			

\* Maryland Integrated Science Assessment



For additional information about the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program, see:

[www.marylandpublicschools.org/aboutMCAP](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/aboutMCAP)

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