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SY 2016-17 Formative Assessments in Boston Public Schools

In the Spring of 2015-16, the BPS Office of Data and Accountability jointly held a series of forums with the Office of Academics and Professional Learning to gather feedback from BPS Principals, Headmasters, teachers, students, and other central office content experts to better understand the role, purpose, and values they place on formative assessment as a tool to enhance teaching and learning across all of Boston Public Schools.

The feedback gathered through these stakeholder engagement sessions was synthesized and concretely used by a committee who volunteered to craft and evaluate a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Formative Assessments in Grades 3–12 in Boston Public Schools. This committee is comprised of three Principal/Headmaster representatives (elementary, middle, and high school), three BPS teacher representatives, one Instructional Superintendent, two members from the Office of Data and Accountability, two members from the Office of Academics and Professional Learning, as well as a member from Special Education, the Office of English Language Learners, and the Office of Instructional and Informational Technology. This volunteer committee has met regularly since early May 2016.

Toward the end of July 2016, BPS received a strong number of proposals in response to the RFP for Formative Assessment that was publicly released on July 5th. In the first two weeks of August, the RFP committee worked diligently to review and score all viable proposals with a goal of coming to a conclusion regarding preferred proposal(s) by August 12, at which time negotiations with potential assessment service providers would commence. With these activities in mind, the Office of Data and Accountability and Office of Academics and Professional Learning plan to procure multiple formative assessment options for grades 3-12 ELA and Mathematics for SY 2016-17.

Therefore, for the 2016-17 school year Superintendent Chang and his Senior Leadership have decided to put a pause on mandating one specific set of interim assessments that all or specific groups of schools will administer. Instead, each school will need to identify what formative assessments they believe will best support their instructional goals in SY 2016-17. Schools will be required to administer and use at least one common formative assessment at each grade level (in English Language Arts and Mathematics) in their schools (for students in grades 3–12). The quality indicators for those common assessments are still being determined, but will minimally include those assessments procured through the district's RFP process and those that have contracts with the district for SY 2016-17.

Boston Public Schools
Tommy Chang, Superintendent

Boston School Committee
Michael D. O'Neill, Chair

City of Boston
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor



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2016-2017 BPS Assessment Calendar FOR GRADES K-2

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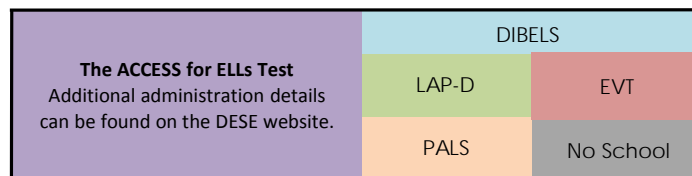
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September / October 2016	
Sept 19 - Oct 21	DIBELS (K-2)
Sept 19 - Oct 21	PALS (K1)
Sept 19 - Oct 21	LAP-D (K0-K2 students new to BPS)
November 2016	
Oct 31 - Nov 18	EVT (K0-K2)
January 2017	
Jan 5 - Feb 8	ACCESS for ELLs (K-12)
February / March 2017	
Jan 23 - March 3	DIBELS (K-2)
May / June 2017	
May 8 - June 9	DIBELS (K-2)
May 8 - June 9	PALS (K1)
May 8 - June 9	EVT (K0-K2)

More information on Early Childhood assessments can be found here:
<http://bpsearlychildhood.weebly.com/progress--assessment.html>

★ = First/Last Day of School (or day 180) ★ = First day for Kindergarten



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October / November 2016

Oct 3 - Oct 12	TerraNova (AWC)	Gr 3-5	ELA, Math
Oct 24 - Nov 10	Interim Assessments*	Gr 3-8	ELA, Math, History (6-8 only)

December 2016

Dec 5 - Dec 22	Interim Assessments*	Gr 3-8	ELA, Math, History (6-8 only)
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January / February 2017


Jan 5 - Feb 8	ACCESS for ELLs	K-12	
Feb 27 - Mar 17	Interim Assessments*	Gr 3-8	ELA, Math, History (6-8 only)

March 2017

Mar 31	MCAS-ALT	Gr 3-8	Deadline for submission
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April / May 2017

Apr 3 - May 26	MCAS	Gr 3-8	ELA, Math
Apr 3 - May 26	MCAS	Gr 5, 8	Science

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For additional information on the ACCESS for ELLs test, check the DESE website.	No School	MCAS
* Interim assessments are likely to be optional in terms of the dates of administration and assessment tools used in SY 2016-17.		MCAS Alt Advanced Work Class (AWC)

* Dates for Paced Interimes are tentative and are subject to change

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2016-2017 BPS Assessment Calendar FOR GRADES 9-12

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October / November 2016		
Oct 19	PSAT/NMSQT	Gr 10-11
Oct 24 - Nov 10	Interim Assessments*	Gr 9-11* ELA, Math, History
Nov 2 - 4	MCAS Retest	Gr 11-12 ELA
Nov 9 - 10	MCAS Retest	Gr 11-12 Math


December 2016		
Dec 5 - Dec 22	Interim Assessments*	Gr 9-11* ELA, Math, History

January / February 2017		
Jan 5 - Feb 8	ACCESS for ELLs	K-12
Feb 6 - 7	MCAS (Feb 9 Makeup)	High School Biology
Feb 27 - Mar 17	Interim Assessments*	Gr 9-11* ELA, Math, History

March 2017		
Mar 1 - Mar 8	MCAS Retest	Gr 11-12 ELA and Math
Mar 21	MCAS (March 30 Makeup)	Gr 10 ELA Composition
Mar 22 - 23	MCAS (Apr 3 Makeup)	Gr 10 ELA Reading Comprehension
Mar 31	MCAS-ALT	Gr 9-12 Deadline for submission

May 2017		
May 16 - 17	MCAS (May 23 Makeup)	Gr 10 Math

June 2017		
June 5 - 6	MCAS (June 8 Makeup)	HS Science

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		PSAT

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