



Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System  
**MCAS Alternate Assessment (MCAS-Alt)**  
March 9–12, 2010

A series of half-day training sessions for educators who are conducting the 2010 MCAS-Alt for students with significant disabilities.

## Two Workshop Options:

- ◆ ***Portfolios-in-Progress: Portfolio Review Discussion Groups***  
(8:30–11:30 a.m.; continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)
- ◆ ***Mini-Institutes: How MCAS-Alt Portfolios are Scored***  
(12:30–4:00 p.m.; lunch at 11:45 a.m. for those attending both sessions)

## Dates and Locations

Tuesday, March 9 .....	Marlborough <i>Best Western</i>
Wednesday, March 10 .....	Taunton <i>Holiday Inn</i>
Thursday, March 11 .....	Danvers <i>Crowne Plaza</i> (formerly Sheraton)
Friday, March 12 .....	Springfield <i>Marriott</i>

## Who Should Attend?

Teachers, administrators, and related service providers who are directly responsible for compiling and submitting MCAS-Alt portfolios are invited to attend one or both workshop sessions.

## How to Register

***You must register for each workshop session separately.*** Registration is conducted on the MCAS Service Center website at [www.mcasservicecenter.com](http://www.mcasservicecenter.com). Click on "MCAS Alternate Assessment," then "Registration for Training."

Register early since attendance is limited at each site. Please complete your registration no later than March 2.

If you have difficulty registering or have questions about the workshop sessions, please contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103.

To request an accommodation, such as an ASL interpreter, contact the MCAS Service Center at 800-737-5103 or by email at [goldsmith.jake@measuredprogress.org](mailto:goldsmith.jake@measuredprogress.org) by February 23.

# Workshop Sessions

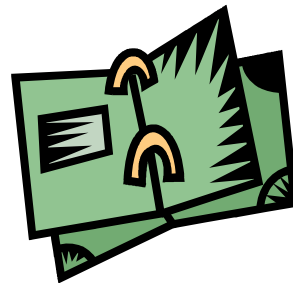


**Morning Session (8:30–11:30 a.m.):**

## ***Portfolios-in-Progress: Portfolio Review Discussion Groups***

Bring your students' portfolios and your questions to this session.

- Review and discuss your students' portfolios-in-progress in an informal setting (including high school "competency portfolios")
- Have your questions answered by MCAS-Alt training specialists
- Share strategies for collecting high-quality evidence and data
- Work on your students' portfolios



**Afternoon Session (12:30–4:00 p.m.):**

## ***Mini-Institutes: How Portfolios are Scored***

- Learn the process and methods used to score your students' 2010 MCAS-Alt portfolios
- Participate in simulated scoring of sample portfolios
- Receive a copy of the *2010 Scoring Guidelines for MCAS-Alt*
- Become eligible to train colleagues in 2010–2011 as an MCAS-Alt Training Specialist

(NOTE: Specific questions about your students' portfolios will not be answered during the afternoon session.)



## 2010 MCAS Alternate Assessment

- ◆ Portfolios-in-Progress
- ◆ How Portfolios are Scored

March 9-12, 2010

### DIRECTIONS

**March 9** **MARLBOROUGH BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA** **Tel: 508-460-0700**

*181 BOSTON POST ROAD WEST, MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752*

From I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Exit 11A onto I-495 North. Follow directions below from I-495 North or South.

From Worcester: Take I-290 East to I-495 South.

From I-495 North or South: Take Exit 24B (Route 20 West). Follow Route 20 West for approximately one mile. Hotel entrance will be on the right.

**March 10** **TAUNTON HOLIDAY INN** **Tel: 508-823-0430**

*700 MYLES STANDISH BOULEVARD, TAUNTON, MA 02780*

From Route 24 North or South: Take Exit 14B onto I-495 North. Follow directions below from I-495 North.

From I-95 North or South: Take Exit 6A onto I-495 South. Follow directions below from I-495 South.

From I-495 North: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Take left off ramp, go over the highway. At lights, turn right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be on the right.

From I-495 South: Take Exit 9 (Bay Street). Bear right off exit ramp. Take first right into Myles Standish Industrial Park. Hotel will be on the right.

**March 11** **DANVERS CROWNE PLAZA** **Tel: 978-777-2500**

*50 FERNCROFT ROAD, DANVERS, MA 01923*

From I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Route 128 North to I-95 North, and follow directions below from I-95 North.

From I-95 South: Take Exit 50 (Route 1 South/Newbury Street). Follow exit ramp for approximately 7/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

From I-95 North: Take Exit 50, Topsfield. Bear left at Route 1 South. Take first right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

From Route 1 North (Boston): Take I-95 North, and follow directions above from I-95 North.

From Route 114 West: Take Route 1 North, staying right past the exit for I-95 North. Take next left toward Route 1 South. Take first right onto Ferncroft Road. Hotel will be on the left.

**March 12** **SPRINGFIELD MARRIOTT** **Tel: 413-781-7111**

*TWO BOLAND WAY, SPRINGFIELD, MA 01144*

From I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Exit 4 onto I-91 South. Follow directions below from I-91 South. Park in hotel parking lot and bring ticket for validation.

From I-91 South: Take Exit 7, Springfield Center/Columbus Avenue. Take first left onto Boland Way. Hotel entrance will be on the left. Park in hotel parking lot and bring ticket for validation.

From I-91 North: Take Exit 7, Springfield Center/Columbus Avenue. Take first left onto Boland Way. Hotel entrance will be on the left. Park in hotel parking lot and bring ticket for validation.