# Report to the School Committee: <br> 2016 PARCC Assessment System Performance, Growth, and Results 

## Introduction

The Massachusetts state-wide assessment program has been in flux over the past several years as the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has grappled with the controversial issue of continuing with MCAS or shifting to PARCC as the state assessment of choice. On November 17, 2015, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education resolved this issue with a vote to move forward with MCAS 2.0, a Massachusetts specific assessment that is built off of the PARCC framework.

As the question of what a next generation assessment might look like in Massachusetts was unfolding, the Board voted to offer both the MCAS and PARCC assessments for 2015 testing and gave districts the choice of which assessment they would like to use for their students. By way of review, the Shrewsbury School Committee voted to take the PARCC exam in place of the MCAS exam in grades 3-8 for the Spring 2015 state testing program. Students at the elementary level took the paper based version of the test, while students at the middle level took the computer based version of the test. By selecting this option, the district and students were provided with with a low stakes opportunity to become familiar with the PARCC exam. The district approached this testing with the perspective that the 2015 PARCC assessment results would provide educators, parents and students with an initial baseline of how well individual students and the district as a whole are prepared to successfully respond to expectations of the next generation of assessments.

As part of the MCAS 2.0 adoption plan that was approved on November 17, the Board decided that districts that took the PARCC in 2015 would continue to do so in 2016, and districts that took the MCAS in 2015 would have the choice of continuing with MCAS or shifting over to the PARCC. Across the state, in grades 3-8, $72 \%$ of districts took PARCC and $28 \%$ took MCAS. As Shrewsbury had elected to take the PARCC in 2015, our district was required to continue with this assessment for 2016. Once again, grades 3 and 4 took a paper copy of the test, while students in grades 5-8 took the assessment on-line.

Given the substantial about of transition occurring in the state testing program and the wide number of variables that exist from district to district, it is advisable to be aware of student performance data, but to be extremely cautious around drawing any conclusions or comparisons about the progress and growth of Shrewsbury students based on this data.

One indication of the transitional nature of this data is that the DESE did not report a state average for PARCC scores for the 2016 test administration not did they provide any item analysis for the PARCC exam. As a result, there is currently no data that would allow for analysis around the strengths and challenges of our students' performance on this exam.

## Accountability Data

Shrewsbury Public Schools received a Level 2 classification for accountability and assistance. Each district with sufficient data is classified into levels 1-5 with Level 1 as the highest performing. For a district to be considered to be making progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, both the "all students" groups and the high needs student sub groups make designated progress. Districts are classified based on the level of the lowest performing school. Shrewsbury received a Level 1 classification in 2015 and a Level 2 classification in 2016. The subgroup that experienced the greatest struggle in terms of meeting proficiency targets was Students with disabilities. The link to the details for the Shrewsbury accountability report can be find below:
$\underline{\text { http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/accountability/report/district.aspx?orgtypecode=5\&linkid=30\&f }}$ ycode $=2016 \&$ orgcode $=02710000$

| School | Accountability and Assistance Level |
| :---: | :---: |
| Calvin Coolidge | 1 |
| Floral Street School | 1 |
| Walter J Patton | 1 |
| Spring Street | 1 |
| Sherwood Middle School | 2 |
| Oak Middle School | 2 |


| Shrewsbury Sr High | 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Beal School | N/A |
| Parker Road Preschool | N/A |

## Test Administration by Grade Level and Subject

* This table shows the subject areas and grade levels that were assessed using PARCC and those that were assessed with MCAS. The DESE has communicated that all students will continue to take MCAS in Grade 10 at least through the class of 2018 (this year's current juniors). As PARCC was only designed to assess students in ELA and Mathematics; the MCAS Science test continues to be given at the usual grade levels.

|  | Grade <br> 3 | Grade <br> 4 | Grade <br> 5 | Grade <br> 6 | Grade <br> 7 | Grade <br> 8 | Grade <br> $9 / 10$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English Language Arts/Reading - <br> PARCC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English Language Arts/Reading - <br> MCAS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mathematics - PARCC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mathematics - MCAS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Science and Technology - MCAS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

This report is broken down into three main sections, each providing information and data related to 2016 PARCC and MCAS testing results. The first section focuses on performance results, how Shrewsbury students performed in terms of achievement scoring. The second section concerns student growth. Student growth, which was utilized on a full scale for the first time in Massachusetts in 2010, provides a metric for how students 'grow' in comparison to peers with similar testing histories. Finally, the third section focuses on plans and focus area for the future.

The information in this report is meant to provide a macro view of PARCC and MCAS results for the entire district.

## PARCC Performance Levels

PARCC differs from MCAS in the way that it reports out performance levels. PARCC does not use the Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement and Warning labels, instead, it uses a system of 5
levels of performance. Results that fall in the Level 4 or 5 categories are considered evidence of proficiency. Please see below for a description of each category:

- Level 1: Did not yet meet expectations
- Level 2: Partially met expectations
- Level 3: Approached expectations
- Level 4: Met expectations
- Level 5: Exceeded expectations


## Performance Results - English Language Arts

Five-year history of Shrewsbury's MCAS/PARCC results in English Language Arts
Two-year history of Level 4 and Level 5 results in English Language Arts (Grades 3-8 PARCC only)
Two-year history of Level 5 results in English Language Arts (Grades 3-8 PARCC only)
Five -year history of Advanced/Proficient (Grade 10 MCAS only)
Five-year history of Advanced (Grade 10 MCAS only)
District Subgroup Performance (Grades 3-8 PARCC only)
District Subgroup Performance (Grade 10 MCAS only)
District \% Level 4/Level 5 (Grades 3-8) and Advanced/Proficient Comparison (Grade 10)

## 1. Five-year history of Shrewsbury's MCAS/PARCC results in English Language Arts (ELA)

Grade 3 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 36 | 48 | 14 | 3 |  |
| 2013 | 33 | 47 | 17 | 2 |  |
| 2014 | 28 | 50 | 18 | 5 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 22 | 58 | 13 | 5 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |

Grade 4 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 49 | 40 | 9 | 3 |  |
| 2013 | 35 | 49 | 13 | 3 |  |
| 2014 | 39 | 41 | 17 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 45 | 41 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

Grade 5 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 41 | 42 | 12 | 5 |  |


| 2013 | 39 | 45 | 13 | 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 35 | 46 | 16 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 14 | 61 | 17 | 6 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

Grade 6 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 44 | 43 | 9 | 4 |  |
| 2013 | 39 | 50 | 8 | 4 |  |
| 2014 | 37 | 50 | 11 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 25 | 53 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

Grade 7 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 32 | 58 | 8 | 3 |  |
| 2013 | 29 | 60 | 9 | 2 |  |
| 2014 | 24 | 64 | 9 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 35 | 45 | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |

Grade 8 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2011 | 45 | 46 | 6 | 2 |  |
| 2012 | 31 | 62 | 5 | 2 |  |
| 2013 | 35 | 55 | 7 | 4 |  |
| 2014 | 33 | 59 | 6 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 35 | 44 | 14 | 5 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |

Grade 10 ELA

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Failing |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 62 | 35 | 1 | 2 |


| 2013 | 72 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2014 | 70 | 27 | 2 | 1 |
| 2015 | 76 | 23 | 1 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

## 2. Combined Performance in Level 4 and Level 5 Categories for PARCC ELA Grades 3-8

\% Students Scoring Level 4 and Level 5 in PARCC ELA

| Grade and Subject | Gr 3 ELA \% Level 4/5. | Gr 4 ELA \% Level 4/5. | Gr 5 ELA \% Level 4/5. | Gr 6 ELA \% Level 4/5. | Gr 7 ELA \% Level 4/5. | Gr 8 ELA \% Level 4/5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 2015 | 80 | 86 | 75 | 78 | 80 | 79 |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 2016 | 81 | 80 | 79 | 75 | 78 | 77 |

## 3. Performance in Level 5 Category for PARCC ELA Grades 3-8

\% Students Scoring Level 5 in PARCC ELA 2015-2016

| Grade and <br> Subject | Gr 3 ELA <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 4 ELA <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 5 ELA <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 6 ELA <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 7 ELA <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 8 ELA <br> \% Level 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 5 <br> 2015 | 22 | 45 | 14 | 25 | 35 | 35 |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 5 <br> 2016 | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ |

## 4. 5 Year History of Combined Performance in Advanced/Proficient Categories (Grade 10 MCAS ELA)

\% Students Scoring in Advanced or Proficient in MCAS ELA 2012-2016

| Grade and <br> Subject | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv/Pro. <br> 2012 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv/Pro. <br> 2013 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv/Pro. <br> 2014 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv/Pro. <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv/Pro. <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | \% <br> Change <br> $15-16$ | State Avg. <br> \% Adv/Pro <br> 2016 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 10 <br> ELA | 97 | 97 | 97 | 97 | $\mathbf{9 6}$ | -1 | 91 |

## 5. 5 Year History of Performance in Advanced Category for (Grade 10 MCAS ELA)

\% Students Scoring Advanced in MCAS ELA 2012-2016

| Grade <br> and <br> Subject | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2012 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2013 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2014 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2015 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Avanced <br> 2016 | $\%$ <br> Change <br> $15-16$ | State $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gr 10 <br> ELA | 62 | 72 | 70 | 74 | 73 | -1 | 47 |

## 6. District Subgroup Performance -ELA PARCC 2016 Grades 3-8

Currently, state average sub-group data for the Spring 2016 administration of PARCC is not available. The 2016 data reflects Grades 3-8 ELA only.

| AYP Subgroup <br> (2016) | Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| All Students (2,857) | 80 | 78 |
| Stud. w/Disab. (392) | 32 | 33 |
| LEP/FLEP (175) | 59 | 60 |
| Low-Income (297) | 62 | 57 |
| African Am/Black (69) | 67 | 53 |
| Asian (779) | 89 | 89 |
| Hispanic/Latino (189) | 63 | 65 |
| White $(1,725)$ | 78 | 76 |

7. District Subgroup Performance -ELA MCAS 2016 Grade 10

| AYP Subgroup <br> (2016) | Shrewsbury <br> \%Adv./Prof. <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> \%Adv./Prof. <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | State <br> \%Adv./Prof. <br> 2016 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Students (435) | 97 | 96 | 92 |
| Stud. w/Disab. (58) | 77 | 77 | 68 |
| LEP/FLEP (8) | No data | No data | 61 |
| Low-Income (39) | 97 | 92 | 83 |
| African Am/Black (9) | No data | No data | 86 |
| Asian (76) | 100 | 95 | 94 |
| Hispanic/Latino (28) | 95 | 85 | 80 |
| White (309) | 96 | 97 | 95 |

## 8. District Comparisons \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA

The following graphs focus on achievement in English language arts and illustrate Shrewsbury's grade level performance (2016) in the area of combined Level 4 and Level 5 percentiles in comparison to other districts that administered PARCC in the Spring of 2016. Comparison Districts were selected if they were in either in the Assabet Valley Collaborative or if they were designated as comparison districts by the DESE.

Shrewsbury's ranking ranged from first (grades four) to fourth (grade six) in regards to these comparison districts.

Grade 3 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA (Reading)


Grade 4 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA


Grade 5 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA


Grade 6 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA


Grade 7 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA


Grade 8 \% Level 4 and 5 - ELA


Grade 10 \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparisons - ELA


## Performance Results - Math

The performance results section is broken down by subject area and each section includes the following components:

Five-year history of Shrewsbury's MCAS/PARCC results in Mathematics
Five -year history of Advanced/Proficient (Grade 10 MCAS only)
Five-year history of Advanced (Grade 10 MCAS only)
District Subgroup Performance
District \% Level 4/Level 5 (Grades 3-8) and Advanced/Proficient Comparison (Grade 10)

## 1. Five-year history of Shrewsbury's MCAS/PARCC results in Mathematics

Grade 3 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 64 | 24 | 8 | 4 |  |
| 2013 | 59 | 29 | 8 | 4 |  |
| 2014 | 56 | 30 | 9 | 5 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 34 | 43 | 16 | 4 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

Grade 4 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 44 | 40 | 13 | 3 |  |
| 2013 | 42 | 36 | 19 | 3 |  |
| 2014 | 47 | 34 | 16 | 3 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |

Grade 5 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 48 | 30 | 15 | 7 |  |
| 2013 | 49 | 30 | 16 | 5 |  |
| 2014 | 51 | 30 | 14 | 5 |  |
|  | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
| 2015 | 22 | 50 | 19 | 7 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |


|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 58 | 25 | 11 | 5 |  |
| 2013 | 51 | 32 | 13 | 4 |  |
| 2014 | 54 | 27 | 13 | 6 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 3 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 16 | 53 | 21 | 9 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

Grade 7 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 43 | 33 | 16 | 7 |  |
| 2013 | 40 | 35 | 17 | 8 |  |
| 2014 | 26 | 43 | 19 | 11 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 12 | 50 | 27 | 10 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

Grade 8 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 46 | 30 | 17 | 7 |  |
| 2013 | 50 | 27 | 14 | 8 |  |
| 2014 | 35 | 38 | 19 | 8 |  |
|  | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 |
| 2015 | 17 | 52 | 18 | 9 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |

Grade 10 Mathematics

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Failing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 74 | 19 | 5 | 3 |
| 2013 | 80 | 13 | 4 | 3 |
| 2014 | 81 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| 2015 | 79 | 13 | 6 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |

## 2. Combined Performance in Level 4 and Level 5 Categories for PARCC Math Grades 3-8

\% Students Scoring Level 4 and Level 5 in PARCC Mathematics

| Grade and |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subject | c | Gr 3 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. | | Gr 4 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. | | Gr 5 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. | | Gr 6 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. | | Gr 7 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. | | Gr 8 Math |
| :---: |
| \% Level 4/5. |

## 3. Performance in Level 5 Category for PARCC Math Grades 3-8

\% Students Scoring Level 5 in PARCC Mathematics

| Grade and <br> Subject | Gr 3 Math <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 4 Math <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 5 Math <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 6 Math <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 7 Math <br> \% Level 5 | Gr 8 Math <br> \% Level 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 5 <br> 2015 | 34 | 25 | 22 | 16 | 12 | 17 |
| Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 5 <br> 2016 | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |

## 4. 5 Year History of Combined Performance in Advanced/Proficient Categories (Grade 10 Mathematics MCAS only)

|  | Shrewsbury <br> $\%$ <br> Adv/Pro. <br> 2012 | Shrewsbury <br> $\%$ <br> Adv/Pro. <br> 2013 | Shrewsbury <br> $\%$ <br> Adv/Pro. <br> 2014 | Shrewsbury <br> $\%$ <br> Adv/Pro.. <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> $\%$ <br> Adv/Pro.. <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | \% <br> Change <br> $15-16$ | State Avg. <br> $\%$ Adv/Pro |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade <br> 10 | 93 | 93 | 95 | 91 | 92 | +1 | 78 |
| Math |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 5. 5-year History of Advanced Category (Grade 10 Mathematics MCAS only)

|  | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2012 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2013 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2014 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2015 | $\%$ of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\%$ <br> Change <br> $15-16$ | State \% of <br> students <br> Advanced <br> 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade <br> 10 <br> Math | 74 | 80 | 81 | 79 | 76 | -3 | 54 |

## District Subgroup Performance - Math PARCC 2016 Grades 3-8

Currently, state average sub-group data for the Spring 2016 administration of PARCC is not available. The 2016 data reflects Grades 3-8 ELA only.

| AYP Subgroup <br> (2016) | Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Level 4/5 <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| All Students (2,857) | 71 | 74 |
| Stud. w/Disab. (392) | 25 | 26 |
| LEP/FLEP (175) | 59 | 59 |
| Low-Income (297) | 49 | 50 |
| African Am/Black (69) | 53 | 45 |
| Asian (779) | 90 | 91 |
| Hispanic/Latino (189) | 42 | 48 |
| White (1,725) | 67 | 70 |

## 4. District Subgroup Performance - Grade 10 Mathematics MCAS

| AYP Subgroup <br> (2016) | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv./Prof. <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | Shrewsbury <br> \% Adv./Prof. <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | State Avg \%Adv/Pro <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Students (435) | 92 | 93 | 78 |
| Stud. w/Disab. (57) | 53 | 56 | 39 |
| LEP/FLEP (9) | not reported | not reported |  |
| Low-Income (38) | 83 | 87 | 84 |
| African Am/Black (9) | 80 | not reported | 62 |
| Asian (76) | 96 | 96 | 91 |
| Hispanic/Latino (29) | 73 | 76 | 56 |
| White (308) | 91 | 93 | 85 |

## 5. District \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Math

The following graphs focus on achievement in Mathematics and illustrate Shrewsbury's grade level performance (2016) in the area of combined Level 4 and Level 5 percentiles in comparison to other districts that also administer PARCC in the Spring of 2016. Comparison Districts were selected if they were in either in the Assabet Valley Collaborative or if they were designated as comparison districts by the DESE.

Grade 3 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math


Grade 4 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math


Grade 5 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math


Grade 6 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math


Grade 7 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math


Grade 8 \% Level 4 and 5 - Math*

*Note: Maynard and Melrose were not included in the Grade 8 comparison graph because some grade 8 students took the Grade 8 PARCC and some took the Algebra 1 PARCC.

Grade 10 \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Math 2016


## Performance Results - Science \& Technology

Because the science and technology test is only administered in grades five, eight, and nine/ten there is no growth data produced for this testing area.

The eighth grade student performance continues to be an area of focus. Student performance has stayed pretty consistent over the last five years and there is a recognition that other districts are performing better than Shrewsbury on this measure. Both our elementary and middle level science programs are currently in transition to the new Massachusetts Science Frameworks (2016) that place a large emphasis on the scientific practices. The district is using the current MCAS data to guide work in aligning our program to the most important science topics and looking for gaps in the curriculum; however, there is also a recognition that the current MCAS is more focused on content rather than the scientific practices. Our middle school science teachers have been developing and using more internal measures to assess student progress with the practices. Our 8th grade students scored $78 \%$ Moderate to High Growth on an Inquiry Benchmark that is administered at the beginning and end of 8th grade to measure a student's ability to use data collected in an experiment to make a claim and support it with scientific evidence and reasoning.

## 1. Five-year history of Shrewsbury's MCAS results in Science \& Technology Summary

Grade 5 Science and Technology

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 44 | 33 | 20 | 4 |
| 2013 | 39 | 34 | 23 | 4 |
| 2014 | 31 | 41 | 23 | 4 |
| 2015 | 31 | 40 | 25 | 4 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |

Grade 8 Science and Technology

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 10 | 50 | 32 | 8 |
| 2013 | 13 | 50 | 31 | 7 |
| 2014 | 14 | 55 | 26 | 5 |
| 2015 | 9 | 53 | 33 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ |

Grade 10 Science and Technology

|  | Advanced | Proficient | Needs Improvement | Warning |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | 45 | 42 | 10 | 2 |
| 2013 | 46 | 42 | 10 | 1 |
| 2014 | 50 | 39 | 10 | 1 |
| 2015 | 46 | 40 | 12 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |

## 2. Combined Performance in Advanced/Proficient Categories

| Grade and <br> Subject | Shrewsbury <br> \% Advanced <br> /Proficient <br> 2012 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Advanced <br> /Proficient <br> 2013 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Advanced <br> /Proficient <br> 2014 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Advanced <br> /Proficient <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> \% Advanced <br> /Proficient <br> 2016 | \% <br> Change <br> from <br> $15-16$ | State Avg. <br> \%Adv/Pro. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 5 <br> Science/Tech | 77 | 73 | 73 | 71 | 70 | -1 | 47 |
| Grade 8 <br> Science/Tech | 60 | 62 | 69 | 61 | 59 | -2 | 41 |
| Grade 10 <br> Science/Tech | 87 | 88 | 89 | 87 | 90 | +3 | 73 |

\% Students scoring Advanced/Proficient Science \& Technology 2012-2016


## 3. District \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Science \& Technology

## Summary

The following graphs compare Shrewsbury's performance (2016) to districts within the Assabet Valley. The graphs focus on combined advanced and proficient achievement in science \& technology.

Grade 5 \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Science \& Technology


Grade 8 \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Science \& Technology


Grade 10 \% Advanced \& Proficient Comparison - Science \& Technology


## Growth Model Results

## Introduction

Originally, MCAS results had only been provided in absolute measures and provided insight into how individual students, as well as groups of students, performed in terms of state curriculum standards. Attempts to quantify individual and cohort growth based on traditional MCAS data had been highly speculative. Massachusetts now utilizes a growth model system to measure growth.

By utilizing a growth model system, the state is attempting to do a better job answering the question, "How much academic progress did a student or group of students make in one year as measured by MCAS?". This measure of student growth provides us with additional information that helps us better answer this question within the district and build on the exceptional instruction being provided.

The use of growth model percentiles helps the state (and districts) put MCAS achievement into greater context. MCAS achievement scores answer one central question, "How did a student fare relative to grade level standards in a given year?". MCAS student growth percentiles add another layer of understanding, providing a measure of how a student changed from one year to the next relative to other students with similar MCAS test score histories.

The term 'growth model' describes a method of measuring student growth by tracking their progress on MCAS from one year to the next. Students are tracked by comparing their individual performance on MCAS testing to the performance of their 'academic peers,' those students who have similar MCAS score histories. Student growth percentiles range from 1 to 99 , higher numbers represent higher levels of growth and lower numbers represent lower levels of growth.

The growth model method operates independently of MCAS performance levels. Therefore, all students, no matter what their scores were on past MCAS tests, have an equal chance to demonstrate growth at any of the 99 percentiles on the next year's test. Growth percentiles are calculated in ELA and mathematics for students in grades 4 through 8 and 10. The state's growth model requires at least two years of MCAS results to calculate growth percentiles. Therefore no growth scores are available for grade 3 .

## Individual Student Examples

The growth model measures change in performance rather than absolute performance. This change is measured in percentiles that provide values that express the percentage of cases that fall below a certain score. For example:

- A student with a growth percentile of 80 in $5^{\text {th }}$ grade mathematics grew as much or more than 80 percent of her academic peers (students with similar score histories) from the $3^{\text {rd }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ grade math MCAS to the $5^{\text {th }}$ grade math MCAS. Only $20 \%$ of her academic peers grew more in math than she did.
- A student with a growth percentile of 33 in $8^{\text {th }}$ grade ELA grew as well or better than 33 percent of his academic peers (students with similar score histories) from the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ grade ELA MCAS to the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade ELA MCAS. This student grew less than $67 \%$ of his academic peers.


## Aggregate Growth Percentiles

While student growth percentiles enable educators to chart the growth of an individual student compared to that of academic peers, student growth percentiles may also be aggregated to understand growth at the subgroup, school, or district level.

The most effective way to report growth for a group is through the use of the median student growth percentile (the middle score if one ranks the individual student growth percentiles from highest to lowest). A typical school or district in the commonwealth would have a median student growth percentile of 50 .

When using student growth percentiles, it is important to be aware that the statistic and interpretation does not change. For example, if we look at the student growth percentile of lowincome status students at the district level we see that this group's median student growth percentile is 56 . This means that this particular group of students, on average, achieved higher
than their academic peers - a group of students with similar MCAS test score histories. It does not mean that our low-income students improved more than 56 percent of other low-income status students, nor does it mean that this particular group of students improved more than 56 percent of non low-income status students, it simply means that in comparison to other students with similar score histories, our low-income status students improved more than 56 percent of their academic peers.

## Transitional Student Growth Percentiles and PARCC

This score is generated using current PARCC and prior MCAS scores. Focus is on the change in achievement of students and groups of students over time. Growth is determined relative to performance of statewide academic peers - students or groups with similar performance histories. SGP $>60$ is considered "high" growth.


## Growth Model Results - ELA

## Transitional Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Comparison - ELA

| Grade <br> and <br> Subject | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2012 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2013 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2014 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2015 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2016 | \% Change <br> $2015-2016$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Grade 3 <br> ELA | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Grade 4 <br> ELA | 83 | 77 | 65 | 53 | -16 |  |
| Grade 5 <br> ELA | 49 | 42 | 45 | 46 | +9 |  |
| Grade 6 <br> ELA | 63 | 46.5 | 42 | 36.5 | 34 | -2.5 |
| Grade 7 <br> ELA | 50 | 48 | 51 | 40 | 46 | -5 |
| Grade 8 <br> ELA | 49.5 | 60 | 54 | 53 | N/A | N/A |
| Grade 10 <br> ELA | 58 | 54 | 52 | -7.5 |  |  |
| All <br> Grades <br> ELA | 59 |  | 50 |  |  |  |

## District Growth Comparison - English Language Arts

Grade 4 ELA Transitional SGP Comparisons


Grade 5 ELA Transitional SGP Comparisons


## Grade 6 ELA Transitional SGP Comparisons



Grade 7 ELA Transitional SGP Comparisons


## Grade 8 ELA Transitional SGP Comparisons



Grade 10 ELA SGP Comparisons


## Growth Model Results - Math

Transitional Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Comparison - Mathematics

| Grade <br> and <br> Subject | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2012 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2013 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> 2014 | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | Shrewsbury <br> Median SGP <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | \% Change <br> $2015-2016$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 3 <br> Math | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | N/A |
| Grade 4 <br> Math | 69 | 58 | 67 | 65 | 59 | -6 |
| Grade 5 <br> Math | 46 | 42 | 45 | 44 | 41 | -3 |
| Grade 6 <br> Math | 66.5 | 57 | 53.5 | 38 | 38 | 0 |
| Grade 7 <br> Math | 55.5 | 42 | 36 | 30 | 38 | +8 |
| Grade 8 <br> Math | 52.5 | 61 | 45 | 39 | 50 | +11 |
| Grade 10 <br> Math | 54 | 55 | 62 | 53 | 58 | +5 |
| All <br> Grades <br> Math | 59 | 51 | 50 | Not <br> Available | Not <br> Available | N/A |

## District Growth Comparison - Mathematics

Grade 4 Math Transitional SGP Comparison


Grade 5 Math Transitional SGP Comparison


Grade 6 Math Transitional SGP Comparison


Grade 7 Math Transitional SGP Comparison


Grade 8 Math Transitional SGP Comparison*

*Note: Maynard and Melrose were not included in Transitional SGP chart comparison because some students took the Grade 8 test and some took the Algebra 1 test.

## Grade 10 Math SGP Comparison



## Looking Forward

- The 2017 assessment is transitioning from PARCC to MCAS 2.0. While MCAS 2.0 is built off of the PARCC platform, there will be adjustments to the content and structure of the PARCC exam that our students have taken for the past two years. The 2015 and 2016 PARCC exams were timed tests; the 2017 MCAS 2.0 will be untimed. Specific details around the ELA and Math tests were released in November and webinars to review these details will take place the 2nd week in December. To see the released information about the MCAS 2.0 ELA and Math exams, please click on the links below.

MCAS 2.0 ELA: http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/ela.html?section=testdesign MCAS 2.0 Math: http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/tdd/math.html?section=testdesign

- For the 2017 MCAS 2.0 test administration, the state is requiring that all districts use the computer based version of the test in grades 4 and 8 . As Shrewsbury has been testing online in grades 5-8 for the past two years, our district will now shift to include grade 4 in its
computer based testing program. Grade 3 will continue to be paper based. Please see the chart below for a breakdown of how other districts are handling the testing mode question.

- The DESE released new Science Standards last year that will require substantial adjustments to our elementary and middle level science programs. A K-12 committee has been formed to review the Shrewsbury science curriculum and to prepare for the changes anticipated with new state standards. Elementary and middle level working groups are underway to inform future adjustments to our PreK-8 science programming.
- Once the MCAS 2.0 assessment system matures and Shrewsbury is able to receive item level analysis information, our educators will be able to better assess and respond to any areas of challenge that are identified in student performance data.

