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### **MCAS Performance Appeals for Recent Transfers**

All students in the Class of 2003, including students who recently transferred into a MA public school from out-of-state or from a private school, will need to earn a competency determination as a condition for high school graduation. Students in the Class of 2003 who transferred in after December 9, 2002 and were not able to participate in the December 2003 re-tests may file an MCAS Performance Appeal in order to meet the competency determination standard.

[This line inserted by Mass English Plus] For students in the class of 2004, if the new transfer arrives after March 2004 then he will likely be eligible for appeal based on his recent transfer status.

When filing an MCAS Performance Appeal for a recent transfer you will not have sufficient course grade data to complete a comparison group spreadsheet. Therefore, please provide a copy of the student's transcript and, if available, the results of other high school level standardized tests (e.g., SATs, ACT). The transcript will serve as the primary evidence for evaluating whether the student has met the standard in English Language Arts and mathematics. Also be sure to complete the MCAS Performance Appeals Application form and include a teacher's recommendation. Submitting work samples will not be necessary, unless you plan on submitting a portfolio of student work.

Guidelines for completing student appeals are found in Advisory IV and in the MCAS Performance Appeals Regulations located on this web page.

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