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Maryland System of Testing Academic Readiness (MSTAR) Resources for Educators

The Maryland System of Testing Academic Readiness (MSTAR) is the new state assessment program that is phasing in beginning during the 2026 - 2027 school year to replace the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). This document provides a list of resources that can support schools during the transition to this new assessment program.

	RESOURCE TITLE	DESCRIPTION
	Maryland System of Testing Academic Readiness (MSTAR) Transition	Explains the rationale for the new assessment program, key enhancements, and the transition timeline.
	MSTAR Transition FAQ	Answers common questions about the transition from MCAP to MSTAR.
	MSTAR Portal	Provides access to the user launch pad, family portal, educator resources, practice tests, and technology support.
	MSTAR Adaptive Testing	Explains the rationale and process for adaptive testing, including answers to frequently asked questions.
	Maryland MSTAR Assessment 2027: What Educators Need to Know	Provides questions and answers about the transition from MCAP to MSTAR, presented by Lumos Learning.
	Maryland Assessment Overview for Families	Share presentation slides explaining the basic elements of the MSTAR transition to families.
	Maryland State Department of Education Academics	Links to assessment blueprints by content area and grade level, including the weighting of assessed standards.
	MCAP Public Release Tasks	Provides previously released MCAP assessment items, their alignment to standards, and scoring examples.
	Maryland Practice Tests	Links to practice tests for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies across all assessed grade levels

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