

Massachusetts Technical Teacher Testing Program Criminal Justice Content Outline

Written and Performance Exam General Overview

- The intent of this exam is to assess your ability to teach the skills found in the Massachusetts Technical Education Framework.
- This exam is aligned to the frameworks which can be accessed [here](#).
- Many questions and tasks require a synthesis of knowledge based on experience in the field and may not be found in any book.
- Candidates are encouraged to prepare for their exam by reviewing textbooks and reference material which has been listed as part of this exam outline. These resources can be found using online search tools, online vendors, and websites.
- Contact the Technical Teacher Testing Office if you need further assistance in locating resources listed in the exam outline.
- Use this exam outline and the Massachusetts Technical Education Framework to focus your preparation for the exam.

Written Exam

- Number of Questions: 100
- Administration Time: 3 hours
- Administration Method: Remote Proctoring Online Session

Written Exam Content Coverage

6% Health and Safety

60% Trial Court System and Constitutional and Criminal Law

- Trial Court System
- Criminal and Trial Procedures
- Fundamentals of Constitutional Law
- Civil Infractions and Criminal Law

32% Investigative and Police Procedures

- Police Procedures and Investigative Reports
- Investigating and Processing Crime Scenes
- Ethics and Diversity Issues in Law and Community Policing
- Interviewing and Communication Techniques
- Police Field Procedures
- Private Investigative Techniques

2% Electronic Communication Issues

Written Exam Reference Materials (Reference Current Edition)

- **Criminal Law** by Joel Samaha (Cengage)
- **Smart Talk: Contemporary Interviewing and Interrogation** by Denise Kindschi Gosselin (Pearson)
- **Understanding Community Policing** by Community Policing Consortium (US Department of Justice)
- **Community Policing and Problem Solving: Strategies and Practices** by Kenneth J. Peak and Ronald W. Glensor (Pearson)
- **The Ethics of Policing** by John Kleinig (Cambridge University Press)
- **Leadership, Ethics and Policing** by P.J. Ortmeir and Edwin Meese III (Pearson)
- **The Criminal Justice System** by Ronald G. Burns (Pearson College Division)
- **Introduction to Criminal Justice** by Joseph J. Siegel and Larry J. Senna (Wadsworth Publishing)
- www.youthcourt.net
- www.osha.gov
- www.niosh.gov

Materials Needed for the Written Exam

- A four-function calculator is included in the online testing system. No other calculators are permitted.
- Scrap paper and pencil/pen are permitted.

Written Exam Sample Items

Each question on the exam consists of one incomplete sentence or question followed by four choices. Some items reference an image or diagram. A few sample items are included below; the correct answer is designated with an asterisk (*).

When is a fire watch needed?

Intentionally causing the death of another with "malice aforethought" is defined as:

- a. manslaughter.
- *b. murder.
- c. justifiable homicide.
- d. suicide.

A search warrant must be returned to the court no later than _____ days after the issuance.

- *a. 7
- b. 10
- c. 15
- d. 30

Performance Exam

- Administration Time: 4 hours
- Administration Method: Onsite at an approved Teacher Testing Location

Performance Exam Content Coverage

33% Police Field Procedures

- Identify the Process of a Motor Vehicle Stop (video analysis) according to industry recognized procedures

33% Investigative and Police Procedures

- Investigating and Processing a Crime Scene

28% Analyze Elements of Criminal Law

- Identification of Crimes Committed according to MA General Laws

6% Safety

Materials Required for the Performance Exam (Candidate Must Supply)

- Face mask (cotton face covering or respirator which fully cover the nose and mouth)
- Eye Protection
- Disposable Gloves
- Pen and Pencil
- Headset/Earphones

Note: Additional materials, equipment, and supplies will be provided. No books or notes will be allowed. Cell phones are prohibited during the exam administration.

Onsite Performance Exam Requirements

- Candidate must practice social distancing and wear the appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth while at the exam site.
- Testing sites may have individual requirements based on location and the current guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Performance Exam Reference Materials (Reference Current Edition)

- **Anatomy of the Motor Vehicle Stop: Essentials of Safe Traffic Enforcement** by Joseph Petrocelli and Matthew Petrocelli (Looseleaf Law Publications)
- **Criminal Evidence: An Introduction** by John L. Worrall, Craig Hemmens, and Lisa Nored (Oxford University Press)
- **Concept and Issues Paper** (International Association of Chiefs of Police – National Law Enforcement Center) <https://www.theiacp.org/policycenter>
- **Massachusetts General Laws (MGL)**
- **Massachusetts Police Manual** by John Sofis Scheft (Law Enforcement Dimensions)
- **Report Writing Fundamentals for Police and Correctional Officers** by James E. Guffy (Pearson)