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## Massachusetts Kids Get Smarter With Competition: Answer Over 500,000 MCAS Prep Questions

*Norwell, Douglas and Carlisle schools finish as the top three*

LYNNFIELD, MA —June 18, 2013 — JogNog just completed tabulating the results from its annual American Science Challenge, an academic competition designed to prepare students for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) science test. Competitors answered over 500,000 science questions designed to prepare them for the exam. In an encouraging success for students, teachers and parents, Norwell Middle School was victorious, correctly answering 149,442 questions in competition with over 100 schools across the country. Douglas High School secured second place with 83,164 correct answers, followed by Carlisle School with 54,046 correct answers.

The JogNog American Science Challenge is designed to motivate students to learn key science concepts in preparation for standardized tests. By combining friendly competition with high-quality content targeting the Common Core and Massachusetts curriculum frameworks, JogNog makes learning fun and challenging. Schools in Massachusetts participating in the 2012 American Science Challenge were found to increase their scores at twice the state average on the MCAS test.

“Norwell turned in an impressive performance,” said Stephen Smith, CEO and co-founder of JogNog.com. “Teachers and parents alike should be proud of what these winning students accomplished. Based on past results, the winning schools will have a distinct advantage when taking the MCAS this year.”

“It is always a challenge to find ways to motivate students to take extra time to review what they learn,” said Kelly Graveson, science teacher at Douglas High School. “This competition really engaged students in learning all the way through the final stretch before the MCAS science exam.”

The performance report for schools involved in the American Science Challenge in 2012 can be found online at [www.JogNog.com/press/2012ASCResults.pdf](http://www.JogNog.com/press/2012ASCResults.pdf). Teachers can register their classrooms to compete in the ASC to raise their students’ test scores during the 2013-2014 school year at [www.JogNog.com/ASC](http://www.JogNog.com/ASC).

### **About JogNog**

JogNog provides competitive learning games that motivate students to learn in an engaging and fun way. Specifically designed to meet teachers’ needs, it delivers content matching Common Core and state curriculum standards for grades 2 through 12. JogNog incorporates the latest in educational research that regularly results in a full letter grade increase in student test results. It is available on the web, iPad, iPhone, Android, Kindle Fire and Windows phone. For more information about JogNog, visit [www.JogNog.com](http://www.JogNog.com).

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