



2020 STANLEY Z. KOPLIK CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY WITH DISTINCTION APPLICATION

Deadline: May 1, 2020*

The purposes of the Certificate of Mastery are to:

- Recognize high academic achievement on MCAS and other measures of academic achievement;
- Recognize high academic achievement as identified by outside forums including competitions, student publications, and awards;
- Provide an incentive for students to perform to the best of their abilities on MCAS and on the course of studies beyond grade 10; and
- Recognize high academic achievement in areas not included in MCAS.

Who is Eligible?

To be **eligible to apply** for a Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award, a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in a Massachusetts public high school. (Students who have graduated high school are not eligible to apply)
- Be a permanent Massachusetts resident.
- Be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen.

(In order to use the tuition credit portion of the Certificate, students must be eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)))

Award Amounts:

Recipients of the *Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction* are eligible for an award of a non-need-based tuition credit for state-supported undergraduate courses. Individual student awards shall be no more than the resident undergraduate tuition rate at the participating institution. For updated information on current tuition rates at Massachusetts Public Colleges and Universities, please visit: <http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/kopliktable.asp>

The tuition credit must be used in the September following high school graduation and is valid for eight (8) consecutive semesters provided the student maintains a G.P.A. of 3.3 for continued eligibility. If the G.P.A. falls below the 3.3 then the student loses the credit.

Students **MUST** file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) in order to use the tuition credit portion of the Certificate.

* Students taking AP exams or SAT subject tests after May 1 must still file an application by the deadline. Please see Section II for more information on the submission process. Students may not file an application after graduating from high school.

Requirements for the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction

SECTION I:

Initial Requirements:

To initially qualify, a student must score *Advanced* on one Grade 10 MCAS assessment (either in Mathematics, English Language Arts, or Science) and either *Advanced* or *Proficient* on the other two. Students who have met this requirement will receive an eligibility letter from their high school during their junior year.

SECTION II:

Application:

Students must complete and submit the application for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction by May 1st of their senior year in high school. The application must be submitted to the high school's Koplik Coordinator or School Counselor for proper review, certification and submission to the ESE. Applications sent directly to the ESE will be returned to the high school for proper processing.

Students scheduled to take SAT subject tests and/or AP exams in May or June **must still submit the application to their schools Koplik coordinator on or before the May 1st deadline.** AP Exam and some SAT Subject Test scores arrive at your high school in the summer. Your Koplik Coordinator will notify the ESE when all of your scores and other documentation have been received and approved (indicated by the Koplik coordinator's signature on the application). Successful applicants will receive the Certificate of Mastery with Distinction from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

You MAY NOT make an initial application after you have graduated from high school.

SECTION III:

Standardized Test Requirement* (per Massachusetts 603 CMR 31.05(2)):

Students have the choice of ONE of the following options:

- a. two Advanced Placement exams with scores of "3" or better, or
- b. two SAT Subject Tests (subjects and minimum required scores listed below), or
- c. one SAT Subject Test **and** one Advanced Placement exam, or
- d. **one** of the above mentioned tests/exams **and** one *Other Academic Achievement* (see below for options and next page for examples).

Please note (per Massachusetts 603 CMR 31.05(3)): Test scores (in any combination) and /or academic achievements **MAY NOT** be in the same **content** area. For example:

- i. If a student passes an exam in any area of Biology then (s)he may not submit scores from any other science exam (i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, etc.) or academic achievement.
- ii. If a student passes an exam in any area of Social Studies then (s)he may not submit scores from any other History/Social Studies exam (i.e. Microeconomics, Psychology, World History, etc.) or academic achievement.
- iii. If a student passes an exam in any area of Math then (s)he may not submit scores from any other Math exam (i.e. Calculus, Statistics, etc.) or academic achievement.
- iv. If a student passes an exam in any area of English/Language Arts (ELA) then (s)he may not submit scores from any other ELA exam (i.e. Literature, English Language and Composition, etc.) or academic achievement.
- v. If a student passes an exam in a foreign language then (s)he may not submit scores from any other foreign language exam or academic achievement in the same language area (i.e. German and German Language & Culture, etc.).

***ACT Exams are NOT accepted for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction**

Acceptable Standardized Tests and Minimum Scores:

SAT Subject Tests - Minimum test score in parenthesis
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests>

Qualifying SAT Humanities* (Foreign Language) Subject Test Scores Chinese with Listening (700) French (649) French with Listening (625) German (561) German with Listening (586) Italian (650) Japanese with Listening (650) Korean with Listening (700) Latin (628) Modern Hebrew (630) Spanish (589) Spanish with Listening (572) <i>*Students may not submit scores for tests taken in the <u>SAME</u> foreign language area</i>	Qualifying SAT Humanities* (Social Studies) Subject Test Scores U.S. History (608) World History (600) <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> History/Social Studies test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>	Qualifying SAT Math* Subject Test Scores Mathematics Level 1 (640) Mathematics Level 2 (639) <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> Math test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>
	Qualifying SAT Humanities* (ELA) Subject Test Scores Literature (612) <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> ELA test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>	Qualifying SAT Science* Subject Test Scores Biology (600) Chemistry (646) Biology (Ecological) (600) Biology (Molecular) (600) Physics (618) <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> science test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>

Advanced Placement Exams – All Scores must be a “3” or better
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

English*	Science*	History & Social Studies*
English Lang. & Composition English Lit. & Composition <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> ELA test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>	Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Physics 1: Algebra-Based Physics 2: Algebra-Based Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism Physics C: Mechanics <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> science test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>	European History Gov’t & Politics: Comparative Gov’t & Politics: US Human Geography Macroeconomics Microeconomics Psychology US History World History <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> History/Social Studies test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>
Mathematics* Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> Math test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>	Foreign Language* Chinese Lang. & Culture French Lang. & Culture German Lang. & Culture Italian Lang. & Culture Japanese Lang. & Culture Latin Spanish Lang. & Culture Spanish Lit. & Culture <i>*Students may not submit scores for tests taken in the <u>SAME</u> foreign language area</i>	Arts / Music* Art History Music Theory Studio Art: 2-D Design Studio Art: 3-D Design Studio Art: Drawing <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> Arts/Music test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>
Computer Science* Computer Science A Computer Science Principles <i>*Only <u>ONE</u> Computer Science test score / academic achievement will be accepted</i>		

SECTION IV:

Other Academic Achievements (option d above):

Students may substitute evidence of another academic achievement from their high school years for **ONE** passing score on any of the tests listed above.

1. College Courses:

A student must receive a grade of *B* or higher on a college course taken during high school. Documentation is an official transcript from an accredited college or university. This course may not be in the same content area as the standardized test score submitted.

2. International Baccalaureate Program:

Students must complete the IB Diploma Programme (DP) and be awarded either a full Diploma or a Bilingual Diploma during or upon graduating from high school. Students who are awarded a Certificate through the IB Programme must receive a score of a **5 or better** during or upon graduating from high school. Documentation is an official transcript from the International Baccalaureate Program.

3. Massachusetts Seal of BiLiteracy:

Students earning the Massachusetts Seal of BiLiteracy in 2019 or later are able to use this achievement in place of **ONE** standardized test score. The subsequent standardized test may NOT be in the area of foreign language.

4. Eagle Scouts Award:

In 2018 the Boy Scouts of America voted to include girls in their program. As such 2020 marks the first year in which both boys AND girls will be eligible to attain the status of Eagle Scout. This award will now be recognized as an additional academic achievement for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery.

5. Competitions, Prizes, Awards, Publications:

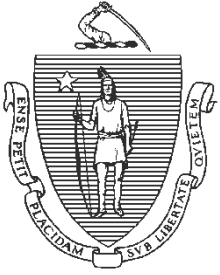
A student must win a prize or award in a competition or be selected for an activity or publication, beyond the local school level, based on excellence in achievement in an academic or artistic field. Evidence could be a certificate, award, article or excerpt and title page from a publication, or a letter from a sponsoring organization indicating the level of work the student accomplished. This achievement may not be in the same content area as the standardized test score submitted.

Please note that the following exams/programs/achievements **DO NOT** meet the criteria for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction (Please note that this is not intended to be an exclusive list):

- a) ACT Exam Scores
- b) Girl Scout Gold Award
- c) MA Student Trooper Program
- d) National Honor Society (General Membership)
- e) National Society of High School Scholars (General Membership)

Below are examples of competitions, prizes, awards, and publications that may be used to substitute for one of the two required exams. Please note that this is not intended to be an exclusive list. A qualifying academic achievement **MUST** have a direct connection to the standards of the [Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks](#).

Example:	Qualifier
Academic Decathlon Competition	Participation
Alzheimer's Association Leadership Poster Awards	Student Poster
American Field Service Scholarship	Recipient
Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS)	Finalist / Participant in National YoungARTS week
Boys State and Girls State	Participation
CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program	State Round (or above) Silver/Gold/Platinum
Destination Imagination	MA or National Recognition
Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)	Certificate of Excellence/Silver/Blue/Grand or Sponsored Cash Awards
English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition	Branch and National
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	Multiple Awards and Scholarships
FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)	Multiple Awards
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	FBLA Awards
Future Farmers of America (FFA)	Multiple Awards and Scholarships
Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra	Participation
High Schools That Work	Award of Educational Achievement
Intel Science Talent Search (STS)	Semi-finalist or Finalist
Junior Achievement	Award or Scholarship
Latin Certaman Competition	Multiple Awards
Massachusetts Art Education Association: Art-All State	Participation
Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild	Multiple Awards and Scholarships
Massachusetts Foreign Language Association	Essay Contest and Awards
Massachusetts Music Educators Association: Music All State	Participation
Massachusetts or National History Day	Prizes for written papers, audio/visual presentations
Mathematics Association of America (AIME, IMO, MOSP, USAMO, USAJMO)	Participation
Microsoft Certification Programs	Certification
National French (or other SPECIFIC Honor Society)	Membership (MUST be <i>specific</i> society; general NHS membership does not qualify)
National Merit	Semi-finalist and Finalist
National Society of High School Scholars	SPECIFIC awards (general NSHSS membership does not qualify)
Publication in a literary magazine such as "The Concord Review"	Publication
Regional Talent Search/Johns Hopkins University	CTY Awards Invitation
Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	MA or National Recognition
Science Olympiad	Multiple Awards and Scholarships
Skills USA	Finalist / Medalist



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Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction Application

Student information:

Name: _____ D.O.B.: / / _____ SASID#: _____

School/District: _____ Graduation Year: 20__ Email _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Three qualifying MCAS scores:

Please attach a photocopy of your Tenth Grade MCAS student score report. One score must be at the *Advanced* level and the other two scores either at the *Advanced* or *Proficient* level.

(a) English Language Arts _____ (b) Mathematics _____ (c) Science _____

Two additional academic achievements*:

At least one academic achievement must be a passing score or above on a standardized test. Please refer to Section III in the application packet regarding which standardized tests are acceptable and in what combinations. In addition, please note that two scores (in any test combination) in the same content area, (for example: SAT Chemistry and **ANY** other *Science* test **or** AP Statistics and **ANY** other *Mathematics* test, **or** SAT World History Subject Test and **ANY** other *History/Social Studies* test) **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Please attach photocopies of the qualifying SAT Subject Test or AP scores and enter subjects and scores below.

Exam	Score	Exam	Score
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*If only one AP or SAT Subject Test score is available, you may substitute evidence of another academic achievement. Please list the achievement here and attach documentation of that achievement.

Academic Achievement and Discipline	Year Completed
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Submission:

For confidentiality and security purposes, please:

DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DIRECTLY TO ESE!

Please submit this application to your high school's Koplik coordinator for review no later than May 1st of your senior year. **AP Exams and some SAT Subject Test scores arrive at your high school in the summer – submit your application to your high school's Koplik coordinator for review no later than May 1st of your senior year.** Your School Counselor will notify the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education when all of your scores and other documentation have been received and approved (indicated by the Koplik coordinator's signature below). Successful applicants will receive the Certificate of Mastery with Distinction from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

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Verification: The Koplik Coordinator attests to the accuracy of the information provided in this application form by his/her printed name and signature below.

Koplik Coordinator's name (printed)

Signature/date