



REVISED 2021

STANLEY Z. KOPLIK

CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY WITH DISTINCTION

APPLICATION

Deadline: July 1, 2021*

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, Homeschool students and students enrolled in private 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.

*** This deadline has been extended from May 1st to July 1st for the class of 2021. Please see Section II for more information on the submission process.**

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

SECTION I:

Initial Requirements:

To initially qualify, a student must meet the initial qualification based on Grade 10 MCAS Scores. Because of the [transition](#) to the next-generation MCAS tests, there are currently different requirements for **initial qualification**, depending on the student's original class, as shown in the table below:

Classes of 2021 and 2022
Earn the minimum score listed below on <u>ONE</u> of the tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELA - 501• Mathematics - 504• High School S/TE – 260
Earn the minimum score listed below for <u>each</u> remaining test: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELA – 472• Mathematics – 476• High School S/TE – 240

Requirements for the classes of 2021 and 2022 reflect an interim standard for ELA and Mathematics defining a level of achievement on the new tests that is similar to the standard on the legacy tests.

Students who have met this requirement will receive an eligibility letter from their high school during their junior year.

SECTION II:

Application:

Students in the graduating class of 2021 must complete and submit the application for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction by July 1, 2021. The application must be submitted to the high school's Koplik Coordinator or School Counselor for proper review, certification and submission to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Applications sent directly to the DESE will be returned to the high school for proper processing. Successful applicants will receive the Certificate of Mastery with Distinction from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Applications for the class of 2021 WILL NOT be accepted after July 1, 2021.

SECTION III:

Academic Achievement Requirement* (per Massachusetts 603 CMR 31.05(2)):

Students may choose to submit a combination of TWO options below in DIFFERENT content areas*:

- A score of 3 or better on an AP exam (student may opt to submit scores from 2 AP exams in different content areas)
- ONE Certification of Outstanding Achievement from department head**
- ONE Certification of family/community leadership from department head**
- ONE Certification of completion of advanced course work**
- International Baccalaureate 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.
- Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy
- 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.
- **SPECIFIC** National Honors Societies (e.g., NMHS, NFHS; general NHS membership does not qualify)

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. Sample of programs (NOT an exclusive list) is on page 5 of this application packet.

*(**Please see your Koplik coordinator or guidance counselor for the official documentation for this option.)*

*** Please note**

1. (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:

- a) If a student passes an exam in any area of biology, then (s)he may not submit scores from any other academic achievement in science (e.g., chemistry, physics, earth science, etc.)
- b) If a student passes an exam in any area of social studies, then (s)he may not submit scores from any other academic achievement in history/social studies (i.e., microeconomics, psychology, world history, etc.)
- c) If a student passes an exam in any area of math, then (s)he may not submit scores from any other academic achievement in math (i.e., calculus, statistics, etc.)
- d) If a student passes an exam in any area of English/language arts (ELA) then (s)he may not submit scores from any other academic achievement in ELA (i.e., Literature, English Language and Composition, etc.)
- e) If a student passes an exam in a foreign language then (s)he may not submit scores from any other academic achievement in the same language area (i.e. German and German Language & Culture, etc.).

2. 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):
- ACT Exam Scores
 - Girl Scout Gold Award
 - MA Student Trooper Program
 - National Honor Society (General Membership)
 - National Society of High School Scholars (General Membership)

Acceptable Standardized Tests and Minimum Scores:

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 *Only ONE ELA test score / academic achievement will be accepted	Biology Chemistry Environmental Science Physics 1: Algebra-Based Physics 2: Algebra-Based Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism Physics C: Mechanics *Only ONE science test score / academic achievement will be accepted	European History Gov't & Politics: Comparative Gov't & Politics: US Human Geography Macroeconomics Microeconomics Psychology US History World History *Only ONE History/Social Studies test score / academic achievement will be accepted
Mathematics*	Foreign Language*	Arts / Music*
Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics *Only ONE Math test score / academic achievement will be accepted	Chinese Lang. & Culture French Lang. & Culture German Lang. & Culture Italian Lang. & Culture Japanese Lang. & Culture Latin Spanish Lang. & Culture Spanish Lit. & Culture *Students may not submit scores for tests taken in the SAME foreign language area	Art History Music Theory Studio Art: 2-D Design Studio Art: 3-D Design Studio Art: Drawing *Only ONE Arts/Music test score / academic achievement will be accepted
Computer Science*		
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Below are **EXAMPLES** of competitions, prizes, awards, and publications that may be used to qualify for the Koplik certificate of Mastery. 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 (more information can be found [HERE](#)).

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

Two additional academic achievements*:

Please refer to Section III in the application packet regarding which academic achievements are acceptable and in what combinations. In addition, please note that two scores 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 academic achievements. Enter subjects, scores (if applicable) and date(s) below.

Achievement 1:	Score:
Content Area: (Circle One) Arts/Music Comp Sci ELA/Lit For Lang History/SS Math Science	Date:
Achievement 2:	Score:
Content Area: (Circle One) Arts/Music Comp Sci ELA/Lit For Lang History/SS Math Science	Date:

Submission:

For confidentiality and security purposes, please:



DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DIRECTLY TO DESE!



Please submit this application to your high school's Koplik coordinator for review no later than July 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.

You may not make an initial application after July 1, 2021.

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