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**2024**

STANLEY Z. KOPLIK

CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY

APPLICATION

**Deadline: May 1, 2024**

### **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](http://www.fafsa.com/)))

***Award Amounts:***

Recipients of the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery 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 is enrolled full time and 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](http://www.fafsa.com/)) in order to use the tuition credit portion of the Certificate.

#### Requirements for the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery

###### SECTION I:

###### Initial Requirements:

To be eligible to apply, a student must meet the initial qualification based on Grade 10 MCAS Scores.

Students must earn a score of “exceeding expectations” or “advanced” (if using Legacy scores) on one MCAS exam and a minimum of “meeting expectations” or “proficient” (if using Legacy scores) on the remaining exams.

Because of the [transition](http://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/docs/FY2018/2018-02/item6.html) to the [next-generation MCAS tests](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/nextgen/default.html), you may receive different scores for **initial qualification**, please use the table below to assist with the conversion:

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| **Next Gen Score Eligibility** | **Legacy Score Eligibility** |
| Score at “Exceeding Expectations” (noted below) on ONE of the tests noted below:   * ELA: Minimum of 501 * Math: Minimum of 504 * Bio/Phy: Minimum of 522 | Score at “Advanced” (minimum of 260) on ONE of the tests noted below:   * ELA * Mathematics * High School S/TE |
| Score at “Meeting Expectations” (noted below) or higher on each remaining test:   * ELA: Minimum of 472 * Math: Minimum of 486 * Bio/Phy: Minimum of 491 | Score at “Proficient” (Minimum of 240) or higher on each remaining test:   * ELA * Mathematics * High School S/TE |

Students may use scores from tests taken through Fall (November) 2023

###### SECTION II:

###### Application:

Students in the graduating class of 2024 must complete and submit the application for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery by May 1, 2024. 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 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

**Applications for the class of 2024 WILL NOT be accepted after May 1, 2024.**

**NOTE:** If you are waiting on late spring AP scores you **MUST STILL SUBMIT** your incomplete application by May 1. Your incomplete application will not be processed until your test scores are received. AP scores are due to your Koplik Coordinator no later than July 20, 2024.

**SECTION III:**

**Academic Achievement Requirement\*** (per Massachusetts 603 CMR 3)**:**

Students may choose to submit a combination of TWO options below in DIFFERENT content areas however at least one accomplishment must be in the area in which the student achieved a score in the range of “Meeting Expectations” on the MCAS:

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| * 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. Note: Two college courses may be used provided they are in different content areas. * ***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 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:

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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.)
5. 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.).
6. The following exams/programs/achievements **DO NOT** meet the criteria for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery (Please note that this is not intended to be an exclusive list):
7. ACT Exam Scores
8. Girl Scout Gold Award
9. MA Student Trooper Program
10. National Honor Society (General Membership)
11. National Society of High School Scholars (General Membership)
12. At least one accomplishment must be in the area in which the student achieved a score in the range of “Meeting Expectations” or “Proficient” on the MCAS:
    1. If a student scored in the range of “meeting expectations” or “proficient” on the MCAS ELA test, then at least one academic achievement must be in ELA
    2. If a student scored in the range of “meeting expectations” or “proficient” on the MCAS Math test, then at least one academic achievement must be in Math
    3. If a student scores in the range of “exceeding expectations” on both ELA and Math MCAS tests, then (s)he may choose any combination of achievements noted above provided they are not in the same content area.

**Advanced Placement Exams –** *All Scores must be a “3” or better*

*(*[*https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home*](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\**** |
| Calculus AB  Calculus BC  Statistics  ***\*Only ONE Math test score / academic achievement will be accepted*** |
| ***Foreign Language\**** |
| 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*** |
| ***Arts / Music\**** |
| ***Computer Science\**** | 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 A  Computer Science Principles  ***\*Only ONE Computer Science test score / academic achievement will be accepted*** |

**\*\*School Certifications**

This option will allow students that have met the initial eligibility for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery through MCAS scores the opportunity to apply for the tuition credit in circumstances where access to traditionally required standardized tests may be limited, restricted or (in some cases) non-existent. Please see your Koplik coordinator or guidance counselor for the official documentation for this option

**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**](http://www.doe.mass.edu/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 Certamen 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 ***specific*** 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 Application

**Student information:**

| Name: | D.O.B.:  / /20 | SASID#: | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| School/District: | Graduation Year:  20\_ \_ |  | |
| Home Address: | City: | | Zip: |
| Non-School Email: |  | |  |

**Two additional academic achievements**\*:

Please refer to Section III in the application packet regarding which academic achievements are acceptable and in what combinations. At least one accomplishment must be in the area in which the student achieved a score in the range of “Meeting Expectations” on the MCAS. In addition, please note that two scores in the same content area, (**for example**: AP Chemistry and **ANY** other *Science* accomplishment **or** AP Statistics and **ANY** other *Mathematics* accomplishment, **or** AP World History Subject Test and **ANY** other *History/Social Studies* test) **WILL NOT** be accepted.

**NOTE:** If you are waiting on late spring AP scores you MUST STILL SUBMIT your incomplete application by May 1. AP scores are due to your Koplik Coordinator no later than July 20, 2024.

Please attach photocopies of the qualifying academic achievements. Enter subjects, scores (if applicable) and date(s) below.

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| Achievement 1: | Score: |
| Content Area:  Arts/Music Comp Sci ELA/Lit For Lang History/SS Math Science  (Circle One) | Date: |
| Achievement 2: | Score: |
| Content Area:  Arts/Music Comp Sci ELA/Lit For Lang History/SS Math Science  (Circle One) | 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 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 from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

**You may not make an initial application after May 1, 2024.**

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

*Koplik Coordinator’s name (printed) Signature/date*

Koplik Application Checklist

Please confirm that you have completed/included the following with your application and are submitting it to your high school Koplik coordinator or guidance counselor **BEFORE** May 1, 2024:

☐ Application page INCLUDING a **NON-SCHOOL** affiliated email address

☐ Documentation certifying a combination of **TWO** of the following achievements (additional information on these achievements can be found on pages 3-5 of this application packet):

* A score of 3 or better on an AP exam (student may opt to submit scores from 2 AP exams in different content areas)
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* ONE Certification of Outstanding Achievement from department head
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* International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) full Diploma or a Bilingual Diploma
* Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy
* An official transcript from an accredited college or university indicating a grade of *B* or higher on a college course taken during high school.
* Membership in a ***SPECIFIC*** National Honors Society (general NHS membership does not qualify)
* Competitions, Prizes, Awards, Publications

Remember: At least one accomplishment must be in the area in which the student achieved a score in the range of “Meeting Expectations” (proficient) on the MCAS.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Application processing time is dependent upon when the Koplik Coordinator submits the application to DESE, not when the student submits the application to the coordinator.**

Most MA public colleges and universities **require** the hard copy of both the Koplik letter AND certificate. While the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education keeps an electronic database of Koplik recipients and sends a full electronic copy to the email address you provide as well as the high school’s Koplik coordinator, we **DO NOT** keep paper copies on file. Please keep your letter and certificate in a safe place.