



# Franklin Public Schools

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Dear Franklin Families,

We are pleased to inform you of Franklin Public School District's participation in the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy for the 2023-2024 School Year. The Seal of Biliteracy is for any student who demonstrates proficiency in English and any other language, whether they speak the non-English language at home or learned it at school or in the community. The State Seal of Biliteracy aims to:

- (a) Encourage students to study and master languages;
- (b) Certify attainment of biliteracy skills;
- (c) Recognize the value of language diversity;
- (d) Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
- (e) Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high-level skills in languages;
- (f) Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society; and
- (g) Strengthen intergroup communication and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community.\*

In order to earn the Seal of Biliteracy or Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction, students must:

- (a) Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English by satisfying one of the following:
  - Earn a score of 472 or higher on ELA MCAS (a score of 501 or high for Seal with Distinction) or
  - Earn a score of 455 or higher on ELA MCAS and complete an Educational Proficiency Plan
- (b) Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in a world language through one of the following:
  - Attaining a minimum score equivalent to Intermediate-High on a state approved assessment (a score of Advanced-Low or higher for the Seal with Distinction) or
  - For languages that do not have readily available assessments, completing an alternative assessment demonstrating minimum proficiency of Intermediate-High in speaking, writing, reading, and listening, where applicable

We will be administering the ELA MCAS for all 10th graders in March. We will be administering a proficiency assessment in a language other than English on a date to be determined after January 1. More information will be communicated at the high school level soon.

We look forward to honoring the language expertise and diversity in our district through this initiative. If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Tina Rogers, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning at [rogerst@franklinps.net](mailto:rogerst@franklinps.net) or Ms. Laura Evans, Director of World Languages at [evansl@franklinps.net](mailto:evansl@franklinps.net).

*\*Taken from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website.*

Sincerely,

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