

Dear Families,

We are pleased to inform you of Nashoba Tech's participation in the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and the Global Seal of Biliteracy program. The Seal of Biliteracy is offered to any student who demonstrates proficiency in English and any other language, whether they speak or sign the language other than English at home or learned it at school or in the community. The Seal of Biliteracy aims to:

1. Encourage students to study and master languages;
2. Certify attainment of biliteracy skills;
3. Recognize the value of language diversity;
4. Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
5. Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high-level skills in languages;
6. Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society; and
7. Strengthen intergroup communication and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community.

In order to earn the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

1. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English by earning a score of 472 or higher on the Grade 10 ELA MCAS*,
2. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in a world language by attaining a minimum score equivalent to Intermediate-High on an assessment approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and
3. Satisfy all other graduation requirements.

In order to earn the Global Seal of Biliteracy, students must:

1. Show English proficiency through a passing grade in their ELA class or testing, such as MCAS*.
2. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in a world language by attaining a minimum score equivalent to Intermediate-Mid on an approved assessment

[*Please note that there is ongoing discussions about the MCAS exam and NT will follow all DESE guidelines]

Students are able to test in the language of their choice at Nashoba Tech on April 14th. The cost of the test is about \$20 (depending on the language) and some students may qualify for free testing. **The deadline to sign up is on April 7, 2026.** Students can sign up on the Nashoba Tech website. There is a Seal of Biliteracy Page.

We look forward to honoring the language expertise and diversity in our district through this initiative. If you have any further questions, please contact Amy St. Arnaud at astarnaud@nashobatech.net.