Koplik Certificate of Mastery

Koplik Certificate of Mastery Eligibility - Next Steps:

1. You **MUST** register for an online account to complete the application.To register for an online account, please complete the registration form: Koplik Interest Form - Class of 2026 no later than April 15th to ensure your student has enough time to begin the application process. Failure to submit an interest form by the deadline will result in an inability to complete the application **and you will forfeit the tuition credit.**
    - If you do not receive your log in credentials within **10 days** of submitting the interest form (hard copy or online), contact your Koplik Coordinator immediately!
    - **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON YOUR OWN!**
2. **Discuss** Academic Achievement Pathways (pages 2-5 of this document) with your school counselor or school Koplik Coordinator
3. **Log into** your account and **START** your application BEFORE May 1 deadline.
    - For those of you taking exams scheduled close to the deadline (meaning scores will not be available by May 1) you still must START the application **before** the deadline. Failure to start the application by May 1 will close your account **and you will forfeit the tuition credit**.
4. **Submit** your application by June 15th. Failure to submit the application by June 15th will close your account **and you will forfeit the tuition credit**.
    - Students awaiting AP scores for late May tests *may* have the deadline extended to July 15 with written pre-approval obtained from their high school Koplik Coordinator; there is a SPECIFIC document for this. NOTE: Failure to submit the application by July 15th (with pre-approval) will close your account **and you will forfeit the tuition credit**.
5. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as required to claim the tuition credit portion of the award: https://fafsa.ed.gov/

Notes:

- Eligible students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to apply even if they are not currently planning to attend a MA public college or university.
- **Please remember that students may not file an application after graduating from high school.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Most MA public colleges and universities **require** a hard copy of both the Koplik letter AND certificate. **You are responsible** for ensuring that the Bursar's/Financial Aid office at your college/university has the proper documentation to issue the credit.

The online application system will retain a copy of your letter and certificate for a period of four (4) years after your application has been submitted. During that time, you may access your application, letter and certificate for review and printing. After that time, your account will expire, and you will no longer have access to this information. Please plan accordingly.

Students that have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship are still eligible to apply for and receive the Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award however only **ONE** may be used as a credit toward tuition. The other will be considered recognition of outstanding achievement.

Koplik Certificate of Mastery - Academic Pathways:

This document outlines the pathways students may use to fulfill the Academic Achievement Requirements per Massachusetts 603 CMR 31.03 for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery. Please contact your school's Koplik Coordinator to discuss which pathways are best for you.

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

- An official score report from College Board reflecting a score of 3 or better on an AP exam (Two AP exams may be used provided they are in different content areas). – See page 4 of this document
- Koplik Certification of Advanced Coursework from department head (Two certifications may be used provided they are in different content areas) – See page 4 of this document
- Koplik Certification of Outstanding Achievement from department head (Two certifications may be used provided they are in different content areas) – See page 4 of this document
- Koplik Certification of Family/Community Leadership from department head – See page 4 of this document
- An official transcript from the International Baccalaureate Program reflecting the completion of a full Diploma, a Bilingual Diploma or a Certificate reflecting score of 5 or better during or upon graduating from high school. – Visit: https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programe/
- Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy – Visit: https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/
- An official transcript from **an accredited college or university** reflecting a grade of B or higher on a college course taken during high school. (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 4 of this document.

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Important Notes:

1. If the student did not score in the range of "Advanced" on all THREE (3) MCAS tests, then at least one accomplishment must be in the area in which the student achieved their lowest MCAS score.

For example, if you received **Legacy** scoring range:

If the ELA (Legacy) score is:	and the Math (Legacy) score is:	and the S/TE (Legacy) score is	Then at least one achievement must be:
260	270	256	STE
252	256	265	ELA
256	249	260	Math
260	268	270	Any combination may be used (provided they are in different content areas).

OR, If you have received scores in the **Next Gen** scoring range:

If the ELA (Next Gen) score is:	and the Math (next Gen) score is:	and the S/TE (Next Gen) score is	Then at least one achievement must be:
502	526	499	STE
500	515	528	ELA
520	490	499	Math
510	512	524	Any combination may be used (provided they are in different content areas).

2. (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.).

3. The following exams/programs/achievements **DO NOT** meet the criteria as additional academic achievements for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery (Please note that this is not intended to be an exclusive list):
   a) MCAS Scores (used for initial eligibility only)
   b) ACT Exam Scores
   c) SAT Exam scores
   d) High School transcripts
   e) Girl Scout Gold Award
   f) MA Student Trooper Program
   g) National Honor Society (General Membership)
   h) National Society of High School Scholars

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Advanced Placement Exams*:

(https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home)

NOTE: AP Capstone Diploma *OR* AP Seminar and Research Certificate may be used to satisfy ONE academic achievement requirement however AP Seminar and AP Research may not be used separately.

All Scores on exams noted below must be a "3" or better

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****	
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***	***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***		

***An official College Board AP score report is required. You may use a screenshot however the following information MUST be visible: Student name, exam name, date and score.**

Koplik Certifications (by school):

- Certification of Outstanding Achievement/MA Seal of Biliteracy
- Certification of Family/Community Leadership
- Certification of Completion of Advanced Course Work

These options 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 AP Exams may be limited, restricted or (in some cases) non-existent. Certifications in different content areas may be combined provided there is no AP exam available in that subject.

Certification documents must show a CLEAR connection to the content area in which the student is seeking recognition and must be signed by the department head, principal, guidance counselor or Koplik Coordinator. Please see your Koplik coordinator or guidance counselor to complete the official documentation for the Koplik School Certification option. Please note: High school transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc. are not accepted in place of certification documents.

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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 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
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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