**This document outlines the pathways students may use to fulfill the Academic Achievement Requirements for the Koplik Certificate of Mastery. Please contact your school’s Koplik Coordinator to discuss which pathways are best for you.**

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:

* A score of 3 or better on an AP exam (student may opt to submit scores from 2 AP exams in different content areas) – See page 3 of this document
* ONE School Certification of Outstanding Achievement from department head - See page 3 of this document
* ONE School Certification of Family/Community Leadership from department head - See page 3 of this document
* ONE School Certification of Advanced Coursework from department head - See page 3 of this document
* 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](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programe/).
* [Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/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 4 of this document.

**Important Notes:**

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
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:**

*(*[*https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home*](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\**** |
| 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:**

* Certification of Outstanding Achievement
* 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 traditionally required standardized tests (i.e. 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. Please see your Koplik coordinator or guidance counselor to complete the official documentation for the School Certification 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 |
| 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 |

**Koplik Certificate of Mastery Eligibility - Next Steps:**

* Discuss Academic Achievement Pathways (Link to doc) with your school counselor or school Koplik coordinator
  + AP Exams (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>)
  + School Certification of Achievement
  + School Certification of Advanced Coursework
  + School Certification of Family/Community Leadership
  + College Courses
  + Competitions/Awards / Publications
  + [Eagle Scouts Award](https://nesa.org/)
  + [IB Programme](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/)
  + [MA Seal of BiLiteracy](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/)
* Complete and submit Koplik Interest Form (Link to doc) to school counselor or school Koplik coordinator OR complete the online eligibility check BEFORE April 15 deadline. Failure to submit an interest form or complete the online eligibility check by the deadline will result in an inability to complete the application and you will forfeit the tuition credit.
* 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.
  + 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.**
* File the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as required to claim the tuition credit portion of the award: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Please note: 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Most MA public colleges and universities **require** the 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.