

Information below to be approved by School Committee in order to be included in the Student Handbook for 2019-2020..

The states requires that districts that adopted the Seal of Biliteracy Initiative inform all parents every year of the opportunity for students to obtain the Seal. As a way to centralize the parent communication piece, we are proposing this information to be available for families in the Student Handbook

MA SEAL OF BILITERACY

Worcester Public Schools will offer the MA Seal of Biliteracy to the graduating seniors on their diplomas and transcripts. The MA Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduates who speak, listen, read, and write proficiently in English and a second or even third language.

By offering the MA Seal of Biliteracy to our students, we are recognizing and honoring the bilingual students and diverse communities in Worcester and encourage more students to pursue proficiency in more than one language. Bilingualism is a critical 21st-century skill that recipients of the MA Seal of Biliteracy can highlight in both colleges and on job applications.

In order to earn the MA Seal of Biliteracy, students must meet all their graduation requirements, demonstrate proficiency in English by receiving a 240 or above on the ELA MCAS, and show proficiency in a target language by earning 4 or 5 in an AP Language Exam or other state-approved language test provided by the district.

If students are interested in participating in the MA Seal of Biliteracy, they need to complete an application made available in the guidance office or scan the QR Code included here by the Fall of their senior year.

If you have questions about the MA Seal of Biliteracy program, please contact Ms. Michelle Huaman, World Language Liaison at huamanm@worcesterschools.net or Mrs. Carmen Melendez-Quintero, Director of ELL programs at melendezquinteroc@worcesterschools.net .

