



DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear DHS Students and Families,

We are excited to share with you a new opportunity for our high school students to be recognized for their academic achievements. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has unveiled a new *Seal of Biliteracy* to be awarded to any students who have demonstrated proficiency in English and at least one other world language by high school graduation. As other states have recognized, the language skills of students who complete advanced levels of world language study as well as those whose native language is other than English, increase their marketability in the workplace and are a valuable resource to the Commonwealth.

In order to be eligible for the *Seal of Biliteracy*, students must achieve the following:

- A score of 240 or higher on the Grade 10 ELA MCAS
- OR**
- Successful completion of the English Language requirement on their Educational Proficiency Plan for those students who score between 220 and 238 on the Grade 10 ELA MCAS
- AND**
- A score of intermediate-high on the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)

In the coming weeks, we will have faculty members in both our World Language and English as a Second Language departments discuss this opportunity with students. Students who would like to pursue this opportunity can do so at no cost to them.

We strongly believe that the *Seal of Biliteracy* supports our mission of creating a community of learners in pursuit of academic excellence. If you or your student are interested in pursuing this opportunity or have any questions, please email Mrs. Amy Gerade, Director of High School Curriculum, at gerade@danvers.org.

Sincerely,

Amy Gerade
Director of High School Curriculum