

# Definitions

- **Annual Drop-out Rate.:** *The percentage of students who dropped out of school in a specific year.*
- **ELA and Math Pass Rate.** *The sum of the proportions of students scoring in the Advanced, Proficient, and Needs Improvement performance categories in the MCAS exams on these subjects in a given grade.*
- **ELA and Math Pass Rate Gaps:** *The difference between two groups of students in the proportions of those scoring in the Advanced, Proficient, and Needs Improvement performance categories in the MCAS exams on these subjects in a given grade.*
- **LEP (Students with limited proficiency in English).** *Students whose first language is a language other than English and who are unable to perform ordinary classroom work in English. Students are classified as being Limited English Proficient based on their performance on locally administered language assessments. Synonymous with English Learners or English Language Learners.*
- **SEI (Sheltered English Immersion).** *Model for teaching English Learners which relies on the use of simple English in the classroom to impart academic content, using students' native languages only to assist students in completing tasks or to answer a question.*
- **TBE (Transitional Bilingual Education).** *Model for teaching English Learners that relies on the student's own language as a bridge to the acquisition of English as a second language.*
- **Two-Way Bilingual Programs:** *bilingual program in which students develop language proficiency in two languages by receiving instruction in English and another language in a classroom that is usually comprised of half native English speakers and half native speakers of the other language.*