

ARPS Seal of Biliteracy and Biliteracy Pathway Awards

Award	Who is Eligible (Grade Level)?	Language Level (ACTFL)	Criteria in English (MCAS or ACCESS)	Criteria in Partner Language (AP Exam , STAMP* or AAPPL)
LOC** Biliteracy Participation Award	Elementary (6th grade)	Novice-High	-MCAS ELA: Partially Meeting or Higher -WIDA ACCESS Level 2	-STAMP level 3 -AAPPL Novice 4
LOC Biliteracy Attainment Award	Elementary (6th grade) Middle (8th grade)	Intermediate-Low	-MCAS ELA: Partially Meeting or Higher - Next-Gen ELA MCAS: 455-471 - Legacy ELA MCAS: 220-239 -WIDA ACCESS Level 3.5	-STAMP level 4 -AAPPL I1
LOC Biliteracy Achievement Award	Middle (8th grade) High (12th grade)	Intermediate- Mid	-MCAS ELA: Meeting Expectations or Higher - Next-Gen ELA MCAS: 472-500 - Legacy ELA MCAS: 240-259 -WIDA ACCESS Level 4.2	-STAMP level 5 -AAPPL Int2/ Int3/ Int4 -AP Level 3
DESE Seal of Biliteracy	High School (12th grade)	Intermediate- High	-240 or above on ELA MCAS (grade 10 or retest) - Next-Gen ELA MCAS: 472 or above -WIDA ACCESS 4.2 overall, 3.9 in literacy	-STAMP level 6 -AAPPL Int 5 -AP Level 4 -ALTA 8
DESE Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction	High School (12th grade)	Advanced- Low	-260 or above on ELA MCAS - Next-Gen ELA MCAS: 501 or above	-STAMP level 7 -AAPPL Adv 1 -AP Level 5 -ALTA 9

MCAS English Language Arts Assessment is a state assessment taken by all students in grades 3-8 and grade 10.

The WIDA ACCESS for ELLs is a state assessment for English Learners that measures language proficiency and growth in English.

**The STAMP assessment provides a standardized assessment in many languages. For languages that are not available in a standardized test format and for students with disabilities, the Department of Education allows a portfolio process to demonstrate proficiency. Information about the STAMP assessment and available languages can be found [here](#).*

***LOC is the acronym for [Language Opportunity Coalition](#), a statewide consortium of parents, educators, community members, and organizational leaders. This coalition created additional award opportunities to recognize students. The Language Opportunity Coalition (LOC) Biliteracy Pathway Awards are designed to encourage long-term language study by recognizing and rewarding language learning in elementary, middle and high school. The awards can be given in addition to the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, an award for graduating high school seniors.*