

Lynn Public Schools

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Dear families,

January 28, 2019

For the first time in Massachusetts, 2019 graduates will have the opportunity to obtain the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes graduates who speak, listen, read, and write proficiently in English and a language other than English. We are proud to announce that the Lynn Public Schools will begin offering the MA Seal of Biliteracy to the graduating class of 2019 on their diplomas and transcripts.

By offering the MA Seal of Biliteracy to our students, we hope to honor the bilingual student community in the Lynn Public Schools and to 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 college and job applications.

In order to earn the MA Seal of Biliteracy, students must demonstrate proficiency in English and a partner language (i.e. Spanish). MCAS scores are used to demonstrate English proficiency. An additional assessment in the partner language documents proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. During this initial year, we will be offering the partner language assessment at your child's high school during the school day at no charge.

If your child is interested in participating in the MA Seal of Biliteracy program, please have your child complete and submit the attached student application to his/her guidance counselor **by February 8, 2019**. If you have any questions about the MA Seal of Biliteracy program, please contact your student's guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rania Caldwell".

Rania Caldwell
Director of English Learner Education
Lynn Public Schools



LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT

SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM

2019 APPLICATION OF INTENT

Please print, in blue or black ink, your information into the fields below. Return this form to your Guidance Counselor by **February 8, 2019**.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____

Primary Phone _____ Student ID _____

School _____ Grade _____

FOR WHAT PARTNER LANGUAGE ARE YOU APPLYING?

Partner Language (other than English) _____

Student Signature

Date