**MA Approved Assessment Instrument for English and Minimum Required Scores or Levels**

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List of English Assessments with minimum required scores or levels for purposes of 603 CMR 31.07(2)(a)

| **Assessments in English** | **Source** | **Language** | **Skills Assessed** | **MA State Seal of Biliteracy – Minimum score or level to qualify:** | **MA State Seal of Biliteracy *with Distinction* – Minimum score or level to qualify:** |
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| Legacy ELA MCAS test or retest | State Assessment | English | Reading  Writing | 240-258 | 260 or higher |
| Next-Gen ELA MCAS test or retest | State Assessment | English | Reading  Writing | 472-500 | 501 or higher |

Students who earn a scaled score between 455 and 471 on the Grade 10 ELA MCAS test or retest may still satisfy the English language criteria for the State Seal of Biliteracy if they fulfill the requirements of an Educational Proficiency Plan and attain a minimum score or level on a nationally recognized and readily available English proficiency assessment approved by the Department, such as ACCESS for ELLs[[1]](#footnote-1).

1. The minimum scores for ACCESS for ELLs are 4.2 overall and 3.9 composite literacy. Please contact the Office of Language Acquisition to inquire about other English proficiency assessments. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)