



Purpose

The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to:

- Encourage students to study languages
- Certify attainment of biliteracy
- Provide employers with a way to identifying bilingual workers
- Provide universities with documentation to award college credit to students
- Prepare students with 21st century skills
- Affirm the value of diversity
- Recognize the different cultures within the community

Testing Criteria

ENGLISH

- Proficient or advanced on the Keystone Literature Exam
- or*
- A minimum score of 4.5 on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (WIDA)
- or*
- 4 or 5 on the English Language/Literature and Composition Advanced Placement (AP) Exam

WORLD LANGUAGE

- A minimum score of intermediate-high on the OPI and WPT
- or*
- 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement (AP) World Language and Culture Exam
- or*
- A minimum score of 1-5 on the ACTFL AAPPL
- or*
- A minimum score of 6 on the Avant STAMP4S

Requirements

To receive the Seal of Biliteracy, students must...

1. demonstrate a minimum of intermediate-high proficiency in a world language
2. demonstrate intermediate-high proficiency in English

Why Seek the Seal?

1

Become more marketable

2

Earn college credit

3

Recognize your linguistic skills

4

Qualify for higher wages

5

Access more opportunities

If you have more questions, visit
<https://sealofbiliteracy.org/state/pa>



You can also contact the PA State Modern Language Association (PSMLA) Advocacy Committee Chair, Cherie Garrett, at cherie.garrett@dallastown.net.

Pennsylvania Seal of Biliteracy



The Pennsylvania Seal of Biliteracy is an award to recognize high school students who show proficiency in English and at least one other language by high school graduation.