

Seal of Biliteracy Website Proposal



NJ State Seal of Biliteracy at Paterson Public Schools

Demonstrate your multilingual abilities with the NJ State Seal of Biliteracy and strengthen your college and career prospects with this recognized achievement!

What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The NJ Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition awarded to students who have a high level of proficiency in English and one or more additional languages, meeting the requirements for Biliteracy. It certifies that a student is biliterate in English and another language. Students who achieve the Seal of Biliteracy receive a Seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts.

Is bilingual the same as biliterate?

Bilingual means that a person can speak and understand two languages. **Biliterate** means that a student can read, write, speak and understand two languages. Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy are deemed biliterate.

How will it benefit students?

- **Earn College Credit:** [A number of Universities](#) offer college credit to students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy
- **Provides proof of language and biliteracy skills to potential employers**
- **Increases competitiveness when applying to colleges and universities**
- **Access to grants and [scholarships](#) ([example](#))**

How can I qualify to demonstrate biliteracy?

Step 1: Students can qualify to demonstrate their biliteracy by first passing an English Language Arts High School graduation requirement such as : NJSLA, NJGPA, PSAT, SAT or a 4 in Access testing.

Step 2: Pass one of the following exams:

- The STAMP 4S assessment (Spanish, French, Mandarin). More information about the STAMP 4s assessment can be found [here](#).
- The STAMP WS or ALTA Assessment (Arabic, Bengali, Turkish)

- AP Exam in a World Language

*Students who would like to test in multiple languages or in a language that they do not take a class for, please contact: Kkhaled@paterson.k12.nj.us

Who can I contact for additional information?

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