



West Virginia Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized award presented to high school students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language. The benefits to receiving the Seal of Biliteracy are endless. The main reasons directly related to K-12 education are:

- *Multiple universities recognize the Seal of Biliteracy and award college credit to students.*
- *The study of languages prepares students with 21st Century skills that will benefit them in the labor market and global society.*
- *The recognition of the Seal of Biliteracy provides employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills.*
- *The study of languages creates individuals with a positive disposition toward others.*
- *The seal validates a specific linguistic skill level.*

Students may demonstrate their command of the language through various proficiency tests. Acceptable tests and scores are listed below. Other evidence may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Advanced Placement Exam in Language and Culture (other than English)	3 or above
International Baccalaureate Exam	4 or above
Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)	Intermediate-Mid or higher
Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP)	Intermediate-Mid or higher
Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test (OPI and WPT)	Intermediate-Mid or higher
SAT School Day English Language Arts	470 or above
English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPA21)	Average of 4
Advanced Placement English Language Exam	3 or above
American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)	3 or above
Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI)	Intermediate
Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA)	12 or above

The fees for the aforementioned assessments range from \$0 to \$140 and are the responsibility of the student, school, or school system. The Seal of Biliteracy was implemented during the 2020-2021 academic year.

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