

Models

School districts in the following states already encourage and award the Seal of Bilingual Literacy.

California, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, Florida (voluntary) Oregon (voluntary)

What languages are being considered?

At the moment, Harlem School District 122 is offering a Spanish class to help our Spanish speaking students obtain a Seal of Bilingual Literacy. Other languages are not being offered in-house at this time due to not enough number of students. However, a student may test for proficiency in another language if the test is offered outside of the district and provide proof of that language assessment to the appointed person at each high school. Any assessment taken outside of the district must be one of the assessments already approved by the Illinois State Board of Education

Is there a cost for the test?

Yes. Cost of each assessment varies based on the individual test. The district has no control over the cost of the assessments. Some of the assessments are free when taken at the school district (SAT, ACCESS) Parents and students are responsible for registering and covering the cost of the assessment.



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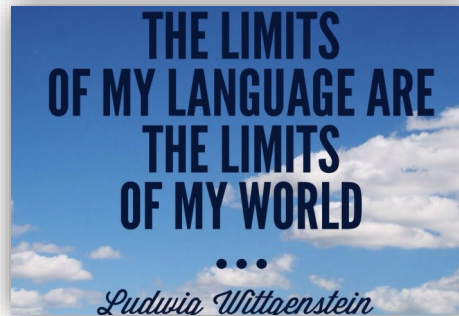
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Additional Resources

- [Illinois State Board of Education \(ISBE\) Seal of Bilingual Literacy](#)
- [List of Assessments](#)
- [Seal of Bilingual Literacy](#)



Seal Of Bilingual Literacy



Our Mission

Prepare students to become 21st Century global citizens in a multilingual world.

"A different language is a different vision of life."

—Federico Fellini



What is Bilingual?

The ability to speak, read, and write in two or more languages at a proficient level.



What is the Seal of Bilingual?

The Seal of Bilingual is an award approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and given by the school district in recognition of students who have studied and attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English, by high school graduation. The Seal of Bilingual is a statement of accomplishment for attaining competency in two or more languages and viewed as an asset when applying for college admission or employment.

How do I get the Seal of Bilingual ?

- Students may request to take the district provided assessments such as: AP test, SAT, ACCESS. **Minimum score required on assessment is:**
 - * AP a 4 (*Other Languages*)
 - * SAT a 540 ELA (*English*)
 - * ACCESS a 4.8 (*English*)
- Students can take other assessments approved by the state not offered in district.
- Students are responsible for providing proof of approved test successful completion with their application.
- Applications are reviewed by the World Language and Bilingual/ESL Department.
- Approval is given and information is added to the district electronic records.
- Seal of Bilingual is added to the student transcripts and adhered to the Diploma.



How do I benefit from the Seal of Bilingual?

- Students develop competency in both English and at least another language.
- Universities will be able to identify students for advanced language placement.
- Employers will find job candidates who are appropriate for positions requiring the Bilingual skills.
- Students get formally recognized by the State of Illinois, which values both foreign and native language instruction in public schools and in our society.
- Opportunities become available in a wide range of social, educational, economic, political and global.
- According to the recent research, the ability to speak more than one language stave off memory loss in later years.
- The opportunity to acquire college credit by some of the public universities in Illinois based on the results in the AP assessment.

COMPONENTS AWARD

- Seal on the Diploma
- Transcript Notation
- University Credit