

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes 11th and 12th grade students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages.

Students earn the seal by demonstrating proficiency in English and at least one other language on approved tests.



Your school's lead person can answer most of your questions! They are usually the ESL or world languages teacher



If needed, the District contact is: sealofbiliteracy@philasd.org



You can find all of this information at: <https://tinyurl.com/SDP-SoBL-StudentInfo>

SEAL OF BILITERACY

SEAL OF BILITERACY FOR 2024-2025



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The Seal of Biliteracy is a great addition to applications for college and to your resume for jobs and scholarships! The Seal itself is a great honor, and you can get copies of your test scores which are certified by nationally-recognized organizations.

- College applications & Placement
- Honors awards
- Job applications
- Resumes & CVs

IMPORTANT DATES 2024-235

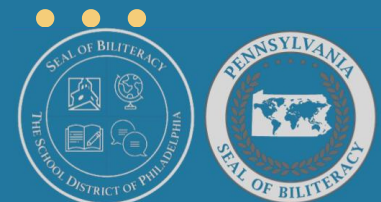
October 3 - December 16th	Student Application
December	Teachers set up test registration
January - April	Testing for languages
May - June	Spring Awards
September 2025	Fall awards for AP/IB scores

APPLY NOW!

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HOW IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARDED?

Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy for the District (with scores at or above the Intermediate Mid level) earn a certificate with a silver embossed seal. Students may also qualify for the State of PA's Seal (with scores at or above Intermediate High), and those certificates have an *additional* gold embossed seal. Awardees also receive medalions.

Applications are open!

October 3 -
December 16



YOU'D BE LIKELY TO EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY IF YOU ...

- speak and write in the language at home and in your community
- have lived in a place where the language is primary spoken
- taken classes in that language at Level 3 or above



ENGLISH CRITERIA

This is usually met with Standardized tests in English that you have already taken, including:

- ELA Keystone
- ACCESS
- STAR Reading Assessment



OTHER LANGUAGES

In December, your school's point-person will schedule you for a test in the language(s) for which you applied.

It's important that you respond to their emails very quickly so that you can set up your times for testing.

All proficiency tests include a speaking and listening section and a reading and writing section.

If you're already enrolled in AP or IB language courses, those scores also qualify!



GETTING READY

Languages

You can earn the Seal in *your* language! We offer proficiency tests in over 100 languages! You're also welcome to complete the application for more than one language!



Proficiency-Based Tests

You can get information and practice questions to brush-up your skills, but tests are based on what you can *do* in the language, so there's no memorizing required to get ready!



Technology

Depending on the test you take and the language, you might prepare to use a special keyboard, but most tests can be taken on your school Chromebook!

