

NYS Seal of Biliteracy

What is the NYS Seal of Biliteracy?

The NYS Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more world languages by high school graduation, one of which must be English. By offering the Seal, schools clearly state that mastery of two or more world languages is a critical skill for their graduates. It can take the form of a seal that appears on the student's diploma and/or a notation on the official transcript and graduation program. It can be accompanied by a medal, certificate, graduation cord or other regalia at the discretion of the school. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on July 31, 2012 behind the sponsorship of Senator Robach and Assemblywoman Arroyo. Since the inception of this program, over **12,000** students have earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in 59 world languages and English.

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The purpose of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy is to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English.

Why should schools offer the Seal of Biliteracy?

- To encourage students to study languages
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and skills
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high level skills in multiple languages
- To prepare students with 21st century skills
- To honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community

Schools in our region that already offer the New York State Seal of Biliteracy include:

For more information on the NYS Biliteracy program at our school, contact:

Capital-East Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20

Averill Park HS
Ballston Spa HS
Central Valley Academy
Crown Point CS
CSD of Albany (Albany HS)
Dolgeville CSD (James A. Green HS)

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North Salem JSHS
Nyack HS
Onteora HS
Ossining HS
Pawling HS
Pearl River HS
Peekskill HS
Pine Bush HS
Port Chester SHS
Putnam Valley HS
Roscoe HS
Saugerties HS
South Orangetown CSD (Tappan Zee HS)
Suffern HS
Tarrytown UFSD (Sleepy Hollow HS)

Valley Central HS

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The NYS Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have demonstrated proficiency in both English and a second language. The award is given to students who have earned a minimum grade of 3.0 in English Language Arts and a minimum grade of 3.0 in the second language. The award is given to students who have earned a minimum grade of 3.0 in English Language Arts and a minimum grade of 3.0 in the second language. The award is given to students who have earned a minimum grade of 3.0 in English Language Arts and a minimum grade of 3.0 in the second language.

Huntington HS
Island Trees HS
Islip HS
Lawrence HS
Levittown CSD (Division Ave HS)
Levittown CSD (MacArthur HS)
Lindenhurst HS
Locust Valley HS
Long Beach HS
Longwood HS
Malverne HS
Massapequa HS
Mineola HS
North Babylon HS
North Shore HS
Oceanside HS
Patchogue-Medford HS
Rockville Centre CSD (South Side HS)

Roslyn HS
Sayville HS
Sewanhaka CSD (Elmont Memorial HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (H. Frank Carey HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (New Hyde Park Memorial HS)
Sewanhaka CSD (Sewanhaka HS)
South Huntington CSD (Walt Whitman HS)
Southampton HS
Southold JSHS
Syosset HS
Uniondale HS
Valley Stream Central High SD (Central HS)
Valley Stream Central High SD (North HS)
Valley Stream Central High SD (South HS)
Wantagh HS
West Hempstead HS
West Islip HS

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Onondaga JSHS
Remsen HS
Rome Free Academy
Sackets Harbor HS
Sandy Creek HS
Sidney JSHS
Skaneateles HS
Solvay HS
South Jefferson HS
South Lewis HS
Susquehanna Valley HS

Syracuse CSD (Corcoran HS)
Syracuse CSD (Henninger HS)
Syracuse CSD (Institute of Technology at Syracuse
Central - ITC)
Syracuse CSD (Nottingham HS)
Tully JSHS
Union-Endicott HS
Utica HS
Vestal HS
Watertown HS
West Genesee HS

Spencerport HS
Webster CS (Schroeder HS)

Webster CS (Thomas HS)
West Irondequoit CSD (Irondequoit HS)

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Long Island City HS
Manhattan Academy For Arts & Language
Manhattan Bridges HS
Manhattan Hunter Science HS
MESA Charter HS
Midwood HS
Multicultural HS
New Visions Charter (Advanced Math & Science II)
Newtown HS
Pan American International HS (Elmhurst)
Pan American International HS at Monroe
Richmond Hill HS
Robert F. Kennedy Community HS

South Bronx Preparatory: A College Board School
Staten Island Technical HS
Stuyvesant HS
Susan E. Wagner HS
The Boerum Hill School for International Studies
The Brooklyn School for Social Justice
The College Academy
The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology
The Scholars' Academy
Uncommon Charter HS
University Neighborhood HS
Validus Preparatory Academy
Westchester Square Academy

