

SEAL OF BILITERACY

What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy is an award bestowed by the Illinois State Board of Education in recognition and celebration of students who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more languages before high school graduation.

How does a student earn the Seal of Biliteracy?

To qualify, students must achieve a proficiency score in English and another language:

1. English Proficiency - 540 or higher on the English Language Arts portion of the SAT, or 21 composite score or 18 on the English test of the ACT, or a 4.8 or higher on the ACCESS test (only if taken while enrolled in high school).
2. Language Proficiency – Intermediate 5/high or higher on all sections of the language test for the Seal. (A commendation can be earned with Intermediate 1-4/low.)

How does a student sign-up for testing?

This fall, the language exam will be offered in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai. Students can re-take the language exam in the spring to improve their proficiency level if they do not achieve the qualifying score in the fall. All testing costs are paid for by the district.

Sign-up by completing this link by September 11th: <https://goo.gl/forms/wRHaVvm22grUXyMu1>

Testing will take place during the school day and information about date, time and location will be delivered to students via email. If any student would prefer to test on Saturday, September 29th to avoid missing classes, please email carriecrowe@u-46.org.