

# 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. Some of the benefits of receiving the Seal of Biliteracy 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 increase employability, give economic opportunities, and enrich their lives within a global society.
- The recognition of the Seal of Biliteracy provides employers with a method of identifying people with bilingual 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.

<b>Assessments</b> <i>(Choose one for English, and one for the other world language)</i>	<b>Required Scores*</b>
<b>ACT English &amp; Reading Sections Total</b>	33 or above
Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in Language and Culture (for English and/or other language)	3 or above
American Sign Language Proficiency Interviews/Assessments (EIPA, ASLPI, or SLPI)	3 or above
<b>Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)ACTFL**</b>	Average of 5
<b>Avant Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S)**</b>	Average of 5
Cambridge English Scale or (CEFR) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	Level B1
English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPA21)	Average of 4
International Baccalaureate Exam	4 or above
Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA)	I-2 or above
Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test (OPI and WPT)	Intermediate Mid
<b>SAT School Day English Language Arts Section Total</b>	470 or above
TOCFL (Test of Chinese [Mandarin] as a Foreign Language)	Level B1

*\*Required scores are a composite or average unless otherwise noted.*

*\*\*AAPPL or AVANT STAMP for ASL- domain scores- 4, composite- 6 required*

**BOLD** tests are often the most used and least expensive.

Middle school or high school students may apply for the Seal, with recognition given at high school graduation. The fees for the assessments range from \$0 to \$140 and are the responsibility of the student, school, or school system. The West Virginia Seal of Biliteracy was implemented during the 2020-2021 academic year. As of 2024, all 50 states have a Seal of Biliteracy for recognizing student language skills.