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**ACHIEVE MORE!
BELIEVE MORE!
CARE MORE!**

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Fitch High School awards the Seal of Biliteracy in recognition of students who attain proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. Read on for details ...

The Seal of Biliteracy is affixed to a student's diploma and noted on the final transcript as a record of achievement.

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?

You may be eligible to earn the Seal of Biliteracy if you:

- meet English language arts requirements for graduation
- demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English at the "Intermediate Mid" level according to the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language (ACTFL) standards in grade 10 or later
- are a **World Language learner, English Language Learner** or **Heritage/Native/At-home speaker**

➤ **Do I need to be enrolled in the language course at Fitch?**

No, but you do need to speak, write, read and understand the language proficiently. Plan now for this opportunity!

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- ✓ **Contact your World Language teacher, ELL teacher or school counselor**
- ✓ IB Language B Spanish and French – ask your IB teacher or FHS IB Coordinator
- ✓ Online AAPPL or STAMP test in French, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi and other language options - \$20.00
- ✓ ALIRA Latin test - \$10.00
- ✓ ASL testing on request
- ✓ Heritage and home languages tests on request – Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening

HOW DOES THE SEAL BENEFIT ME?

- Certifies your biliteracy skills
- Enhances your educational credentials and does not impact graduation status
- Recognizes your unique skill set, an asset on job and college applications
- Enables employers to identify you as having language skills for purposes of recruitment
- Gives colleges a method to give potential credit for high school work and to best place you in courses
- Proves your 21st century global communication skills that are in demand in the labor market
- Supports sharing your cultural traditions and enthusiasm for languages in your community

Throughout your career, globalization will become increasingly significant in daily interaction. Assure future employers and colleagues that YOU have the language skills that they need in order to remain competitive.



BE NEXT TO EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY!

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