

Earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy

Use the following guidelines to determine the path you can take to earn the Seal of Biliteracy.

You have different options for the pathway you take to earn the *Seal of Biliteracy*. Each option is assigned a point value and these values are used to determine whether or not you have met the requirements for the *Seal of Biliteracy*. While you have different options, each candidate **MUST** earn 3 points from **each column**.

Criteria for Demonstrating Proficiency in English	Point Value	Criteria for Demonstrating Proficiency in a Word Language	Point Value
1. <u>English Proficiency Culminating Project/Essay/Portfolio</u> : this project will contain artifact(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing in English.	2	1. <u>World Language Proficiency Culminating Project/Essay/Portfolio</u> : this project will contain artifact(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing in a World Language.	2
2. Complete all 11th & 12th grade ELA courses with an average of 85% or higher	1	2. Score at a proficient level on an accredited Checkpoint C World Language assessment. Follow link for a listing of acceptable assessments: Checkpoint C- Seal of Biliteracy	1
3. Score 80% or higher on the NYS Common Core English Language Arts Exam Any student who received an exemption from the June or August 2020 English Language Arts (ELA) Regents exam has already earned a point towards this criterion.	1	3. Complete an IB level World Language course, with a grade of 85% or higher and a score of 5+ on the SL exam or 4+ on the HL exam.	1
4. Achieve the following scores on the exams listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 or higher on an AP English Language or English Literature exam ● 80 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) <i>Note: These exams are not administered by HHS</i>	1	4. Provide transcripts from a school in a foreign country showing at least three years of instruction in your home/native language in Grade 8 or later. Your transcript shows a grade equivalent to a B or higher.	1
5. ELLs who scored at least Transitioning on the 2019 NYSESLAT <u>and</u> who received credit for their ENL course in 2019-20 have already earned a point towards this criterion.	1	5. For students formerly enrolled in a Bilingual Education program, complete all required Home Language Arts (HLA) coursework and the district HLA exam with an 85 or higher or a comparable score using	1

		another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner.	
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