



What is the purpose?

- To prepare 21st century students with the language and culture skills that will benefit them in the global marketplace
- To encourage students to study world languages and cultures
- To provide employers with a method of identifying prospective employees with world language and culture competence
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of proficiency in multiple languages
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To strengthen intergroup relationships and honor the multiple cultures and languages within a community.

Florida Seal of Biliteracy

What is it?

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy takes the form of a seal that appears on the diploma of the graduating senior, as well as a designation on the student's transcript. It can be earned in or outside of the classroom and is a statement of accomplishment for future employment and college admissions.

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**FLORIDA SEAL
OF BILITERACY
PROGRAM**



Gold Seal of Biliteracy

- 4 or 5 on FSA and
- 4 world language credits (3.0+) OR a required test score*:
- 5, 6 or 7 on IB language
- 4 or 5 on AP language
- A, B, C or D on AICE language

Silver Seal of Biliteracy

- 3 on FSA and
- 4 world language credits (3.0+) OR a required test score*:
- 4 on IB language
- 3 on AP language
- E on AICE language

*Families might decide to meet the test score requirement with other approved tests or portfolio, scores to be submitted directly to schools.

When did Florida adopt a Seal of Biliteracy?

The Florida Seal of Biliteracy was written into Florida Statutes in March 2016. The rule was finalized in March 2017. The graduating class of 2017 was the first to be eligible for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy.

A 21st century education includes the study of World Languages and Cultures.

Who is eligible?

A Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to all students who have attained a certain reading and writing level in English language, in addition to proficiency in another language or languages. The criteria are intended for students whose first language is English who are learning a world language, as well as for English Language Learners who bring with them linguistic experience from outside of the classroom.



World Languages taught in Volusia County Schools

- ASL
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Japanese
- French
- German
- Italian
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish

AP, AICE and IB tests will be administered at different school sites, where available.

Students who have not met the 4 World Language credits and are awaiting test scores will graduate “eligible for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy.” Upon receipt of the appropriate test scores, students may request from their school the appropriate Florida Seal of Biliteracy for their diploma, as well as an updated transcript.