



The **Seal of Biliteracy** was created in 2017 to recognize high school students who achieve **proficiency in English and one additional language**.



School Eligibility

- Any public school or district can participate.
- Schools/Districts must notify ADE through the Intent to Participate form for the program.
- Each school/district must designate at least one individual to serve as Coordinator of the Program who must complete the Intent to Participate & the Reporting Form the following school year.

Student Eligibility

- Any students may receive the Seal of Biliteracy through English Language Proficiency and Second Language Proficiency.
- Must complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average in those classes of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a second language through an assessment method or an alternative evidence model.
 - Assessment Method: To demonstrate language proficiency through the assessment method, the student must attain the required score on a language assessment as adopted by the State Board of Education.
 - Alternative Evidence Method: An alternative evidence method may be used in specified circumstances upon approval.

Program Outcome

- The Seal of Biliteracy is placed on the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.
- The Arizona Department of Education does not supply any additional options for recognition.
- Schools/Districts may choose to honor students in their own way.
 - Cord, Certificate, Medals, Ceremony, Banner, etc.

Fun Facts:

1167... Seals were awarded in 2021

387... of those were designated English Language Learners

12... Number of languages that students earned Seals.

3... New languages were awarded - Polish, Portuguese, & Somali

22... Public Districts and Charters participated in the program.

Spanish, French, and Mandarin were the most awarded seals.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an incredible opportunity for English Language Learners! Designation can be from any point in K-12.

QUESTIONS?

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