

A Year in Review: Assessment Updates 2020-2021

Seal of Bi-Literacy, SAT, PSAT, ACT

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Seal of Bi-Literacy

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What is the Seal of Biliteracy?



In 2016, New Jersey became the 15th state to implement a legislated statewide Seal of Biliteracy. By achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency.

Students must demonstrate a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid in a World Language. Students must demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting State high school graduation requirements in English (such as NJSLA, ACT or SAT).

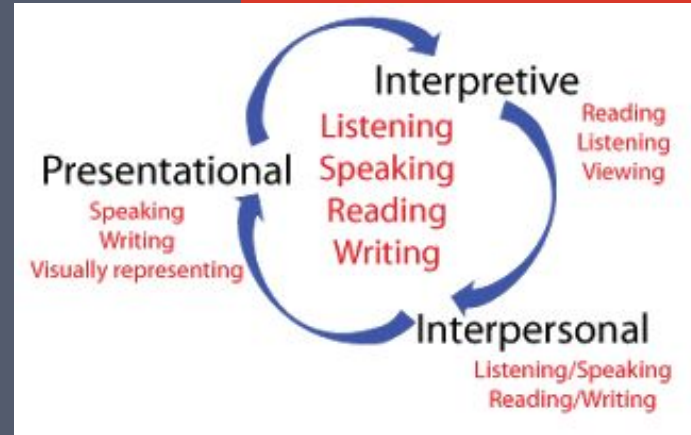
How Students Earn the Seal

Demonstrate Intermediate Mid Proficiency

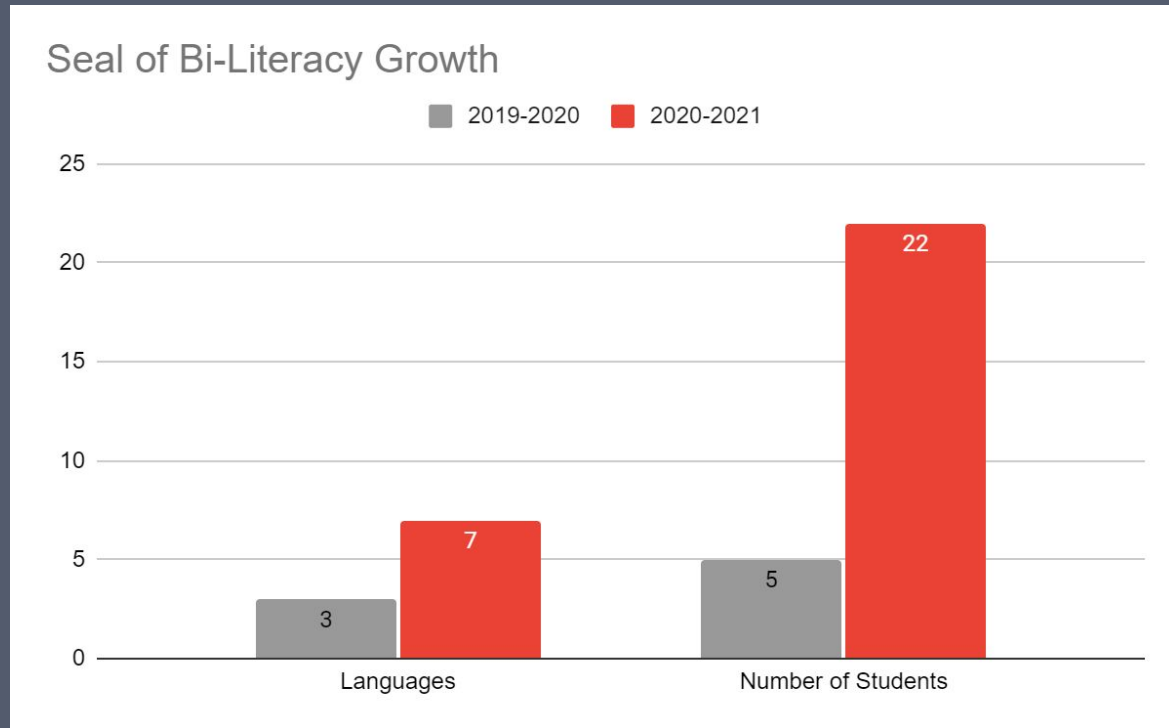
STAMP: Arabic, Cantonese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (Simplified & Traditional), Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Russian, Spanish.

AP World Language and Culture Exam: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish.

American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)



Growth



- 133% increase in the tested languages
- 340% increase of students earning the Seal of Bi-Literacy

Getting the Message Out Teachers & Students



In the Classroom:

- World Languages & English
- Department Meetings
- World Languages Teachers encouraging students

Advertising Campaign:

- Flyers in classrooms
- Flyers on TV screens
- Postings on website
- Social media
- Email to parents & students

“I passed my NJ State Biliteracy test and I am officially bilingual! Thank you so much for being such an amazing teacher and encouraging me to be the best student I can be. I wouldn’t have passed without your help and teaching!”

“I wanted to email you and tell you that I passed the STAMP Seal of Biliteracy test. I thought of you when I passed because I truly thank you for teaching me so much. Spanish has always been something I love and I believe you strengthened my love for it last year.”



Next Steps

- Continue to advertise and inform students and parents
- Emphasize that it does not have to be a language offered at Northern Highlands
- Meet with counselors to explain the benefits of the Seal of Biliteracy
- Encourage all teachers and counselors to identify students
- Encourage ELL/ELS students to take the Seal in their native languages
- Encourage juniors that earned the Seal to continue their language studies through our courses, C & AP, or in college

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SAT, PSAT & ACT

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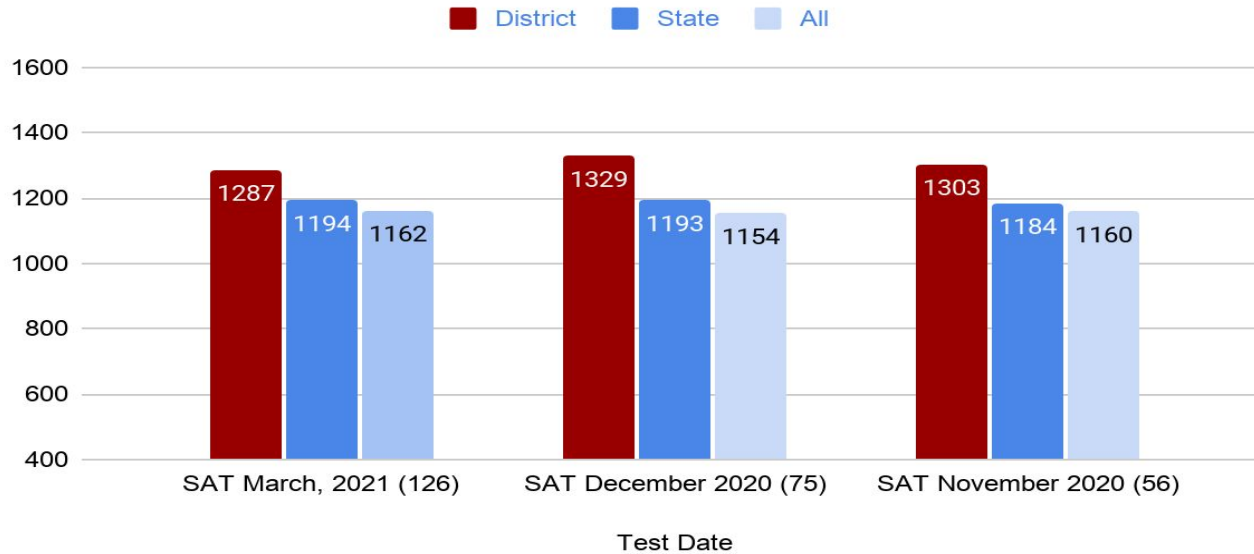
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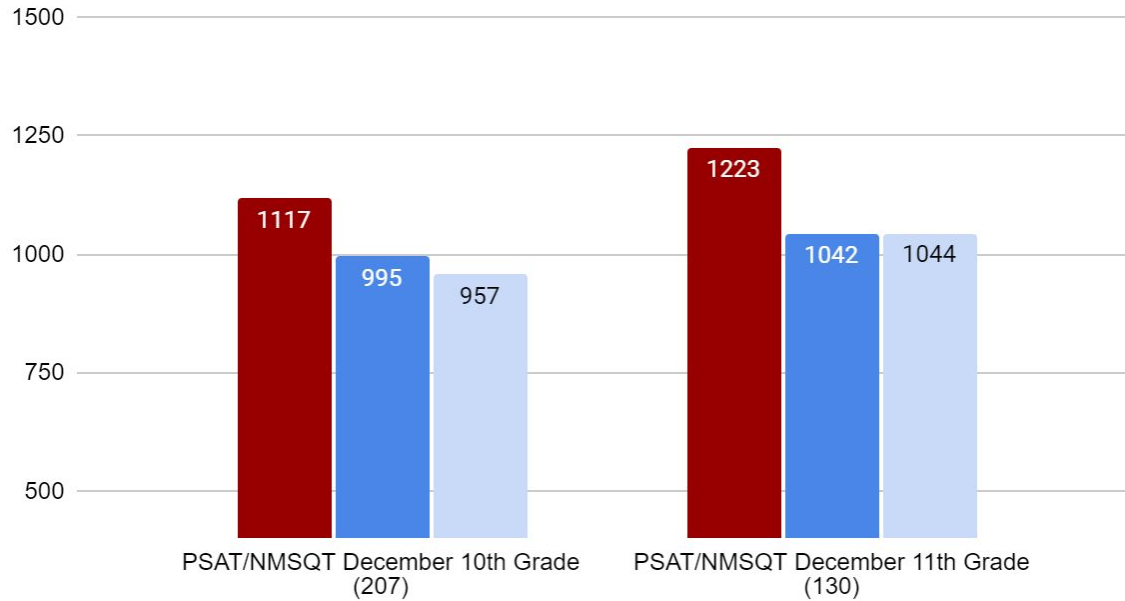
SAT Mean Scores 2020-2021



Northern Highlands SAT Mean Scores



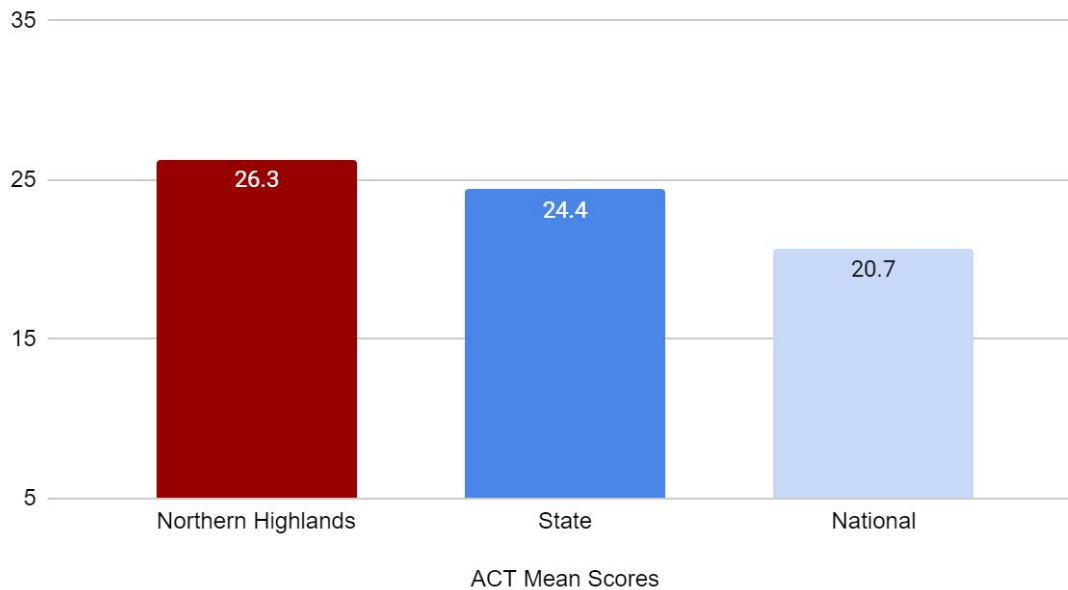
PSAT/NMSQT 2020-2021



Northern Highlands Mean PSAT/NMSQT Scores



Grades 10, 11 12 ACT Mean Scores



Northern Highlands Composite ACT Mean Scores

Thank you!

Any Questions?

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