

Lee's Summit R-7 Students Receive Missouri Seal of Biliteracy Awards

The state of Missouri has awarded a total of 122 students with a total of 126 Seals from the Lee's Summit R-7 School District with the Seal of Biliteracy award, 15 with the added Distinguished distinction.

This is the sixth year the program has been available for LSR7 students. Students who earn the award are recognized for attaining a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, listening and writing one or more world languages in addition to English.

Students may have gained proficiency through any number of methods, as a heritage language learner or as a new language learner. Students who have attained the Seal of Biliteracy have an intermediate level of proficiency and students who have attained the Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy have an advanced level of proficiency. The Seal of Biliteracy is listed on the high school transcript and offers vast opportunities for those pursuing higher education or joining the workforce.



Missouri Seal of Biliteracy 2023

109 LSR7 2023 graduates achieved the necessary proficiency to earn a total of 113 Seals of Biliteracy. Their knowledge spans nine languages including Amharic, German and Urdu.

Amharic: LSHS: Michael Astatke

Arabic: LSHS: Waseem Qakej, Tasnime Amellal

French: LSHS: Sabra Jones, Shirley Montano San Juan, Shannon Stout, Katelyn Williams,
LSNHS: Caroline Anthony, JT Baker, Ashlyn Bandelier, Grace

Boston, Ana Cardoza, Alayna Cleaver, Areej Falah, Mia Gatti, Kennedy McEnany, Mahinanui Tovey

LSWHS: Reagan Ballard, Keira Eichelkraut, Mia Guidolin

German: LSHS: Anna Latman, Dylan Seitz

LSNHS: Logan Binger, Drew Crimi, Alex Brooke, Alexis Clark, Bryce Glenn, Karsten Keller, Scott Kleffner, Austin Lee, Leyton Porterfield, Brynn Thompson
LSWHS: Madden Stutts

Italian: LSWHS: Mia Guidolin

Korean: LSWHS: Andy Kang

Mandarin Chinese: LSHS: Sophia Lin

LSNHS: Mia Forney, Sophia Jones

LSWHS: Lydia Grider, Anthony Klote, Benton Vahle, Ava Wischnewski

Russian: Hlib Serhieiev

Spanish: LSHS: Addison Baker, Emily Pace, Corina Sisk, Luke Alexopoulos, Tasnime Amellal, Emily Bartlett, Ethan Cha, Briana Crites, Gracelyn Crow, Angelina Hodes, Aaron Maciejewski, Shirley Montano San Juan, Dielon Newell, Samantha Nguyen, Alexis Perez Acero, Diego Rosado, Charlee Scruggs, Wade Seiler, Lydia Francis, Catalina Vargas, Dayanara Villareal

LSNHS: Sam Aamodt, Andrew Allen, Eli Block, Ann Boehnlein, Ana Cardoza, Johnasia Carter, Rex Chukwusom, Tyler Cotten, Malia Dooley, Tyson Ekiss, Sienna Ficken, Cooper Finley, William Gardenhire, Gabrielle Hightower, Avery Hook, Cierra King, Jacob Manning, Xander McKie, La'Ray McKinley, Macy McKinne, Josh Navarrete, Wyatt Phillips, Sasha Plowman, Kendra Rodriguez, Greyson Saxon, Cielo Vitor, Kellen Wills

LSWHS: Justin Andrews, Anahi Arroyo, Cole Butler, Nila Channels, Regan Clewell, Ellie Curp, Brylie Ellis, Mindy Evans, Faith Glasgow, Mia Guidolin, Michael Harlow, Rosalia Herrera, Andrea Leiker, Carmen Marshall, Davin Mathes, Kara Miller, Ethan Nguyen, Ellie Reed, Alayna Saverino, Angel Vandiver

Urdu: LSHS: Hafsa Ahmed

LSNHS: Sahar Faizan, Muhammad Yousaf



Missouri Distinguished Seal of Biliteracy 2023

15 LSR7 2023 graduates achieved the necessary proficiency to earn Distinguished Seals across four languages.

French: LSNHS: Hannah Yohe

German: LSWHS: Carter Cox

Mandarin Chinese: LSHS: Hannah Tai

Spanish: LSHS: Abigail Arellano, Mary Brooks, Evelyn Lopez,

Elijah Rowland

LSNHS: Hayden Davies, Weston Hemmerling, Raegan Parker, Juan Perez

LSWHS: Andres Dominguez, Liberty Lyon, Alex Santoro, Bradley Sonnichsen

Students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy were honored at the Academic Achievement Awards at their respective high schools this past April.