



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you of a new initiative, the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) at Williamsville Central School District. This diploma seal acknowledges students who have studied and attained a high proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

The intent of the New York State Seal of Biliteracy is to:

- affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society;
- encourage the study of languages;
- identify high school graduates with language and biliteracy skills for employers;
- provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission;
- prepare students with twenty-first century skills; and to
- recognize the value of world and home language instruction in schools.

In order to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, your student must meet all requirements for graduating with a Regents diploma and demonstrate a high level of reading, writing, speaking and listening in English **and** one other language. This other language could be a language used at home or one studied at school. Students who pursue the NYS Seal of Biliteracy must earn three points for each language area, as listed in the document: "Earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy."

You can learn more about the NYSSB by visiting this website: <http://www.nysed.gov/bilingual-ed/schools/new-york-state-seal-biliteracy-nyssb>, or by visiting the [NYSSB page](#) on [williamsvillek12.org](http://williamsvillek12.org).

This distinction is awarded to graduates at the end of each school year. If you are interested in having your child pursue the NYS Seal of Biliteracy for the 2024-2025 school year, please review the WCSD Criteria for Earning the NYSSB, linked below, and complete the form linked below by Thursday, November 21st, 2024.

**[WCSD Criteria for Earning the NYSSB](#)**

**[Student Application | 2024-2025 New York State Seal of Biliteracy](#)**



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your school's NYSSB coordinator.

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Sincerely,

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