

# SEAL OF BILITERACY



Joliet Township High School will be offering the State of Illinois Seal of Biliteracy to those students who have attained proficiency in two languages by their high school graduation. Students receiving this honor must demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English as well as reading, writing, listening, and speaking in another language of their choosing.

To qualify for the State of Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy, students must meet the identified criteria. Approved assessments include the ACT, SAT, AP Language tests, or the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL).

## **Earning the Seal of Biliteracy requires at least two of the following:**

- ERW score of at least 480 on SAT
- ACT English score of 21
- AP English Language score of 4 (AP Spanish Language of 4)
- AAPPL score of Intermediate-5 (I-5) or better on each domain
- ACCESS for ELLs score of a 4.8 composite

## **Some of the benefits of the Seal of Biliteracy include:**

- Meets the college entrance requirement of two years of a foreign language
- Obtaining college credit in modern languages at Illinois public colleges and universities
- Provides employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- Certifies attainment of biliteracy skills

## **How do you get the Seal of Biliteracy?**

- Students may request to apply for the Seal of Biliteracy through their counselor and select the assessment(s) that will be used to show proficiency
- Program Director and Campus Directors review applications and scores to see if criteria have been met
- Seal of Biliteracy is added to student diploma and transcripts

## **Is there a cost for the tests?**

- Yes, students may have to pay for the AP exam or AAPPL exam to show proficiency, but the SAT will be provided at no cost to the student. The AAPPL exam is \$20 and can be paid for in the campus bookstore.

## **How do students register?**

- Students need to complete the Google Form and the tests will be ordered. There will be four dates to test in a large group setting and they will be field tripped out for that morning.

## **Who do I contact for more information?**

- Please forward any questions to the Program Director, Paul Oswald, at [poswald@jths.org](mailto:poswald@jths.org) or at 815.727.6806.