



**Application to Receive the Seal of Biliteracy
Upon Graduation
Spring 2023
Due: Friday, March 10, 2023**

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____ High School _____

Languages: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Please return this application and all verification documents to your College and Career Counselor by 3/10/23.

I wish to receive the Seal of Biliteracy and have met the following eligibility requirements:

English Requirements (Must meet one of the following):

_____ Successful completion of all high school graduation requirements including successful completion of all English Language Arts requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in English 2. (Please attach a copy of your transcript to this application).

OR

_____ A minimum score of a 4 on the ACCESS exam.

Language Other Than English Requirements:

And **ONE** of the following (please attach verification to this application):

_____ An achievement level of Intermediate Mid on the STAMP4s or the AAPPL exams (available to test at home).

_____ Successful completion of a Portfolio Assessment (only for languages for which no formal assessment is available, or no written language exists).

Sociocultural Competence:

And **ONE** of the following (please attach essay and verification of approved service hours (for distinguished award) to this application):

_____ Proficiency of 3 on the sociocultural reflection essay written in English.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Verified successful completion of all high school graduation requirements including English requirements, a minimum GPA of 3.0 in ELA courses, and one of the above foreign language requirements. Approved for Seal of Biliteracy recognition. Counselor's signature: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved due to the following: _____ _____

Attach copy of transcripts

Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Copies: Student/Parent, Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator, Counselor

Sociocultural Reflection Essay

Please submit a typed essay reflecting on why bilingualism is important to you personally, to your community, and to the world. Your essay should include the following sections:

- What languages did you first learn to speak in your home? Describe your family background in regard to language, motivation to learn other languages, travel, etc.
- Provide a brief history of learning other languages (a second or third language). Include the language(s) you have learned in school, outside of school instruction and how you use the language currently (community events, church affiliations, travel, choices of literature, movies, music, etc.).
- What important differences are there between the languages you have learned? What features of the language might make it easier or more difficult than other languages (i.e. grammar, pronunciation, social usage rules)?
- Please provide a description of your interaction and experiences with the target language and cultures that speak that language within your community.
- How will these skills open new doors and provide opportunities for you as a member of our global society?