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More than 700 CCSD Students Earn SC Seal of Biliteracy During School Year

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Charleston, SC - For the second year in a row, a record number of Charleston County School District (CCSD) students earned the SC Seal of Biliteracy for 2024-25. This year, CCSD awarded a total of 747 Seals compared to last year's 435. Twelve different languages are represented in this year's set of student recipients, including Arabic, American Sign Language, Czech, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.

The SC Seal of Biliteracy credential certifies that students have "workplace-level language skills" in both English and at least one other World Language. The Seal is earned when the student has attained a minimum of a 3.0 English Language Arts grade point average and at least an Intermediate mid-level of proficiency in a language other than English in all four language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The latter is assessed in the Junior and Senior years of high school with the STAMP (STandards-based Measurement of Proficiency) 4S assessment, a state-approved, nationally recognized proficiency-based exam.

"I am thrilled to see such growth in our district's World Language scholars and programs," said Stacy Attafi, District Instructional Specialist for World Languages. "I credit this amazing success to the continued use of proficiency-based instruction across the district as well as our schools' ability to test all students in order to identify more and more Seal of Biliteracy recipients each year."

The following CCSD schools had students who earned a Seal of Biliteracy in 2024-25:

- Academic Magnet High School
- Baptist Hill Middle High School
- Charleston Charter School for Math & Science
- Early College High School
- James Island Charter High School
- Lucy Beckham High School
- Military Magnet Academy
- North Charleston High School
- Charleston County School of the Arts
- R. B. Stall High School

- St. John's High School
- Wando High School
- West Ashley High School

SC Seal of Biliteracy certificates, as well as bronze, silver, and gold pins representing various proficiency levels, were awarded to qualifying seniors to wear at graduation. The SC Seal of Biliteracy complements the SC College and Career Ready Standards for World Languages as well as the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate and engagement as a global citizen. The seal appears on the transcript of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for both colleges and future employers.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 51,000 students in 90 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (International Baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.