



Charleston County School District
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Media Release

Applications Now Open to Earn Student Seal of Bilingual

Charleston, SC (October 10, 2025) - The SC Seal of Bilingual is a nationally recognized credential granted by the South Carolina Department of Education that certifies a student's high proficiency in 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 (GPA) or 4.4 composite score on ACCESS and at least an intermediate mid-level of proficiency in a language other than English.

Last year, 791 Charleston County School District (CCSD) students earned the South Carolina Seal of Bilingual, representing 14 different languages, including Spanish, German, ASL (American Sign Language), French, Chinese, Latin, Arabic, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish, Italian, Czech, Greek, and Vietnamese.

The Seal of Bilingual is a nationally recognized credential from the SC Department of Education that honors students who demonstrate high proficiency in English and another language. It's a valuable achievement that can boost college applications, job opportunities, and even help students earn college credit.

Students can earn the Seal in any language — including heritage or home languages, whether or not the language is taught in CCSD schools. Juniors or Seniors are eligible as long as they maintain a 3.0+ GPA in English (or 4.4+ ACCESS for multilingual learners) and show strong skills in any language besides English — including ASL and heritage languages.

Students currently in a CCSD world language course (Spanish, French, German, or Latin) are automatically enrolled for testing. Students not in a language class or who want to test in a different or heritage language can apply [here](#).

Check with your school for your specific testing date. Contact Dr. Amanda Minnillo, Instructional Specialist for World Languages, at amanda_minnillo@charlestoncountyschools.gov.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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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 50,000 students in 88 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.