

Illinois Seal of Biliteracy

Thornton Township High School District 205 is proud to offer our students the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. This prestigious award recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages.

The Value of the Seal

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy provides significant academic and career advantages in line with the District's mission **to develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted, or employed upon high school completion.**

- It is placed on a student's academic transcript and diploma.
- It provides evidence of achievement for future employers and college admissions offices.
- Illinois public universities must grant college credit to students who have earned the Seal, saving students and their families tuition money.

How to Qualify for the Seal

Students earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy by doing 2 things:

1. Demonstrating proficiency in English on the SAT, AP, ACT, or ACCESS
2. Demonstrating proficiency in a second language on the AP test or the AAPPL

What is Considered Proficiency

English Proficiency (CHOOSE ONE)

1. ACCESS for ELLs: 4.8 composite
2. ACT + Writing: 18 ELA
3. SAT: 480 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
4. AP English Language and Composition exam: 4
5. IB Language A: 4HL or 5 SL

Language Other Than English (LOTE) Proficiency (CHOOSE ONE)

1. AAPPL form B: 1-5 (Intermediate High)
2. The ACTFL OPI & WPT for the Seal of Biliteracy: Intermediate High
3. AP Language and Culture exam: 4
4. International Baccalaureate Language B: 3 HL or 4 SL

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Being Assessed in District 205

Students can demonstrate proficiency in the following LOTES: Spanish, French, Gujarati, Haitian, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

If you have any additional questions about the Seal of Biliteracy offered in District 205, please contact Mr. Nicholas Tarala, Thornton Social Studies and Fine Arts Division Leader at ntarala@ttdistrict205.net or (708).225-4189. Para más información en español, puede contactar a la Sra. Viviana Franco al correo electrónico vfranco@ttdistrict205.net o al (708) 225-4219

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