



## WHAT IS BILITERACY?

The ability to listen, speak, read and write at a proficient level in English and another language.

## AWARD COMPONENTS

1. Seal Certificate
2. Transcript Notation



This initiative has been made possible by the collaboration of:

- ❖ Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey (FLENJ)
- ❖ New Jersey Teachers of English as a Second Language / New Jersey Bilingual Education (NJTESOL / NJBE)
- ❖ Bilingual/ ESL Department of the Bayonne School District
- ❖ Bayonne Board of Education

## SEAL OF BILITERACY



## BAYONNE SCHOOL DISTRICT



## About the Seal

The Seal of Biliteracy was an initiative started by Californians Together in 2008 to acknowledge and award hardworking bilingual and multilingual students. In 2011, it officially became legislation in California and now multiple states throughout the nation have implemented a statewide Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency.

### Bayonne School District

The Seal of Biliteracy is a new initiative for the 2019-2020 school year.

Languages available: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai (Additional languages may be considered based on student requests).

## Purpose

### The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to:

1. Encourage students to study languages.
2. Certify attainment of biliteracy.
3. Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills.
4. Provide universities with a method to recognize and award academic credit to applicants seeking admission.
5. Prepare students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
6. Recognize and promote second language instruction in public schools.
7. Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community.

## REQUIREMENTS:

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

- a) Meet proficiency in English by meeting the State's graduation requirements or its alternative.
  - b) Attain a score of proficient or better on the NJSLA –ELA or its alternative
- OR
- c) ELLs score a 4 or better on the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs in all four language domains by the Junior year of high school (for current ELLs and those who have exited for two years).

### WORLD LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- a) Attain a level of i3 in all modes of the AAPPL test.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Bayonne High School students wishing to apply for the Seal of Biliteracy should see their guidance counselor. The guidance counselor will verify English language proficiency and add them to the AAPPL test roster (Note: The AAPPL test will be administered during the school day).