

West Virginia Seal of Biliteracy



The Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized award presented to high school students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language. Some of the benefits of receiving the Seal of Biliteracy are:

- Multiple universities recognize the Seal of Biliteracy and award college credit to students.
- The study of languages prepares students with 21st Century skills that increase employability, give economic opportunities, and enrich their lives within a global society.
- The recognition of the Seal of Biliteracy provides employers with a method of identifying people with bilingual skills.
- The study of languages creates individuals with a positive disposition toward others.
- The seal validates a specific linguistic skill level.

Students may demonstrate their command of the language through various proficiency tests. Acceptable tests and scores are listed below. Other evidence may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Assessments (Choose one for English, and one for the other world language)	Required Scores*
ACT English & Reading Sections Total	33 or above
Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in Language and Culture (for English and/or other language)	3 or above
American Sign Language Proficiency Interviews/Assessments (EIPA, ASLPI, or SLPI)	3 or above
Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)ACTFL**	Average of 5
Avant Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP 4S)**	Average of 5
Cambridge English Scale or (CEFR) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	Level B1
English Language Proficiency Assessments (ELPA21)	Average of 4
International Baccalaureate Exam	4 or above
Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA)	I-2 or above
Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test (OPI and WPT)	Intermediate Mid
SAT School Day English Language Arts Section Total	470 or above
TOCFL (Test of Chinese [Mandarin] as a Foreign Language)	Level B1

*Required scores are a composite or average unless otherwise noted.

**AAPPL or AVANT STAMP for ASL- domain scores- 4, composite- 6 required

BOLD tests are often the most used and least expensive.