**The Seal of Biliteracy** is an award given by a school district that recognizes students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy takes the form of a seal that appears on the transcript of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

The purposes for instituting the Seal of Biliteracy:

- To encourage students to study languages
- To certify attainment of biliteracy skills
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high level skills in multiple languages
- To prepare students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society
- To strengthen intergroup relationships and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community.

A student will receive the Seal of Biliteracy if they score a 4 or 5 on their AP Foreign Language Exam (Spanish, Chinese, French, German, Italian, or Japanese) <u>AND</u> meet one of the following criteria: score a 4 or 5 on the AP Language or the AP Literature test, or meet the English Standards on either the PSAE, ACT, SAT, or PARCC exam.

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