

# New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy



recognizes high school graduates who  
have attained a high level of proficiency in  
one or more languages, in addition to English.



## Why Pursue the Seal?

The Seal of  
Biliteracy is the first  
credential students  
can earn to  
recognize their  
multilingual abilities.

## Questions?

Please reach out to your  
local school district:

For more information about the  
criteria for the Seal of Biliteracy, visit  
the New Jersey State Seal of  
Biliteracy webpage for acceptable  
evidence of proficiency:

[www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml)



As the world becomes more global and our communities more linguistically diverse, there is an increasing need for individuals with multilingual skills. The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to:

- Prepare students for postsecondary success in higher education, the workforce or the military;
- Encourage students to maintain their home language while learning another language; and
- Recognize the linguistic and cultural diversity of New Jersey and the world.

Employers in all sectors seek multilingual individuals to:

- Better serve customer needs and facilitate communication;
- Access expanding markets; and
- Communicate within their organization.

## Student Eligibility Requirements

For students to be eligible to receive the Seal of Biliteracy, they must meet certain criteria:

- Students must demonstrate a proficiency of Intermediate Mid in a language other than English; and
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in English by meeting State high school graduation requirements in English Language Arts.

With Intermediate Mid proficiency, students handle straightforward tasks related to everyday life and discuss some researched topics. In their communication, they ask a variety of questions and use strings of sentences.