



The **Seal of Biliteracy** was created in 2017 to recognize high school students who achieve **proficiency in English and one additional language**.



### School Eligibility

- Any public school or district can participate.
- Schools/Districts must notify ADE through the Intent to Participate form for the program.
- Each school/district must designate at least one individual to serve as Coordinator of the Program who must complete the Intent to Participate & the Reporting Form the following school year.

### Student Eligibility

- Any students may receive the Seal of Biliteracy through English Language Proficiency and Second Language Proficiency.
- Must complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average in those classes of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in both English and a second language through an assessment method or an alternative evidence model.
  - Assessment Method: To demonstrate language proficiency through the assessment method, the student must attain the required score on a language assessment as adopted by the State Board of Education.
  - Alternative Evidence Method: An alternative evidence method may be used in specified circumstances upon approval.

### Program Outcome

- The Seal of Biliteracy is placed on the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.
- The Arizona Department of Education does not supply any additional options for recognition.
- Schools/Districts may choose to honor students in their own way.
  - Cord, Certificate, Medals, Ceremony, Banner, etc.

### Fun Facts:

**1167...** Seals were awarded in 2021

**387...** of those were designated English Language Learners

**12...** Number of languages that students earned Seals.

**3...** New languages were awarded - Polish, Portuguese, & Somali

**22...** Public Districts and Charters participated in the program.

**Spanish, French, and Mandarin** were the most awarded seals.

The Seal of Biliteracy is an incredible opportunity for English Language Learners! Designation can be from any point in K-12.

### QUESTIONS?

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