

BSHS Seal of Biliteracy: *Your path to success!*

What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The BSHS Seal of Biliteracy is an award for graduating high school students who can read, speak, listen and write at a high level in English as well as another language. It's a prestigious award that lets colleges and employers know you are proficient in more than one language. The seal appears on your official transcript and your diploma, and you'll receive an honorary cord to wear at graduation.

1. Get Started

- ◇ Talk to your counselor about your interest in the Seal
- ◇ Get familiar with the requirements to achieve the Seal of Biliteracy
- ◇ Make sure you are developing your English literacy skills in your English classes
- ◇ Choose courses that can help you develop world language literacy skills
- ◇ If your world language isn't offered at your school, ask your ELL teacher or administrator for your plan
- ◇ Take advantage of opportunities to speak your world language at home and in the community

Why Go For the Seal?

- Employers and colleges are looking for bilingual applicants
- Honors the many cultures and languages in our communities
- Looks great on applications for grants and scholarships
- Prepares you for 21st century careers
- You could earn more money throughout your career than people who speak only one language

2. Apply

Fill out the short online application by March 31.

Apply online at:

<https://forms.gle/MsFdJSFAA4DiKNno9>

3. Stay on track

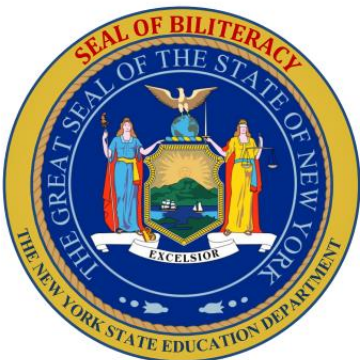
- ◇ Check your grades and check in with your guidance counselor to make sure your grades are keeping you on track
- ◇ Keep up with your portfolio

You need to earn 3 points in ELA
(See back page for details)

You need to earn 3 points in LOTE
(See back page for details)

4. Go for the Seal of Biliteracy!

- ◇ Complete the speaking and writing portfolio
- ◇ Complete your coursework, including your IB, AP exams (if applicable)
- ◇ Include that you are a candidate for the Seal of Biliteracy on your applications to college and your résumé



BSHS Seal of Biliteracy: *How to earn the Seal*

Demonstrating Language Mastery

In order to earn the Seal, students must demonstrate their mastery of both English and another world language using the approved criteria listed here. Students must attain 3 point from both the English and the world language categories below.

1. Complete all Graduation Requirements

You must fulfill all requirements to graduate from BSHS in order to earn the Seal. The student's transcript will indicate "Candidate for the Seal of Biliteracy" until all graduation requirements are completed.

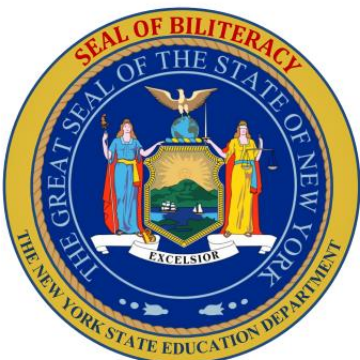
2. Show Literacy in English

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| ♦ 1 point - complete ELA courses in grades 11 and 12 with an average of 85 or better |
| ♦ 1 point - pass the ELA Regents Exam with 80 or better |
| ♦ 1 point - attain a 3 or higher on the English AP Exam |
| ♦ 2 points - successfully complete an ELA portfolio and student showcase |

3. Show Literacy in a World Language

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| ♦ 1 point - complete LOTE courses in grades 11 and 12 with an average of 85 or better |
| ♦ 1 point - attain a 4 or higher on the LOTE IB Exam |
| ♦ 2 points - successfully complete a LOTE portfolio and student showcase |

ELL Students –
See Mr. Brandt in the Assistant Principal's Office for your individualized plan



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By Friday March 31, 2020