



Arlington High School
Seal of Biliteracy
Guidelines, 2015-2016



Purpose and Rationale

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

More info: <http://sealofbiliteracy.org/>

Biliteracy Awards

- ❖ Silver Seal
 - Foreign Language students: **Intermediate Mid** proficiency in English and partner language
 - ELL students: **Level 4** proficiency in English and partner language
- ❖ Gold Seal
 - Foreign Language students: **Intermediate High** proficiency in English and partner language
 - ELL students: **Level 4.5** proficiency in English and partner language
- ❖ Platinum Seal
 - Foreign Language students: **Advanced Low** proficiency in English and partner language
 - ELL students: **Level 5** proficiency in English and partner language

Criteria

Required

English:

1. Proficiency demonstrated on standardized state assessments
 - a. MCAS/PARCC ELA
 - i. "Proficient" score of 240 or above
 - b. ACCESS

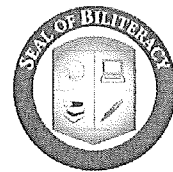
One of the following is Required

Partner Language:

2. Proficiency demonstrated on standardized assessment
 - a. AAPPL: The ACTFL Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Languages
 - i. Available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and ESL.
 - ii. Cost: \$20
 - b. STAMP: Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency



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- i. Available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hebrew, Japanese, Spanish, German, Italian.
- ii. Cost: approximately \$22
- c. ALIRA: The ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment
 - i. Cost: \$10

** Students with financial hardship may request support.*

OR

- 3. *Portfolio*: Documentation of 3-5 benchmark pieces of classwork and projects demonstrating the following in the students' second language (English for ELL students and a language other than English for foreign language students):
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Evidence of ability to speak in a spontaneous conversation with another student or teacher
 - Interpretive communication
 - Evidence of ability to read and listen
 - Presentational communication
 - Evidence of ability to write or speak in more formal ways

Application

Students must complete an application officially applying for the Seal, including documentation of meeting the above requirements. Applications are due by June 1 each year. Current Juniors are encouraged to apply for the award, though all students are welcome.

Awards

Students will be awarded a certificate and mentioned at high school graduation.

** Students who are awarded a Silver or Gold award may re-take needed exams and re-submit their application to be awarded a higher level.*