

New York State Seal of Biliteracy

Can you speak more than one language? Or are you learning another language? Talk to your school about the New York State Seal of Biliteracy!

What is the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)?

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes high school graduates who can listen, speak, read, and write in English and at least one other language. The NYSSB is available to any graduating senior who has met the requirements for a diploma and can show their skill in English and another language. Recipients will earn a Seal on their diploma and a medallion worn at graduation.

What are the benefits of the NYSSB?

- Strengthen high school transcript and diploma
- Boost college applications
- Maintain and develop home language skills
- Prepare for careers in a global society
- Celebrate cultural identity and bilingual skills
- Access credits for prior learning across select colleges



Who is eligible?

Any student in a school that offers the New York State Seal of Biliteracy can earn it if they know or are learning English and another language. This includes students who speak another language at home or study a world language in school. Schools must sign on to participate before January each year.

How can I earn the NYSSB?

✓ Complete all the requirements for a **New York State Regents Diploma**

AND

✓ Earn at least **three points in English** and

✓ Earn at least **three points in another world language**.



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There are different ways to earn these points, such as high grades in language courses, strong results on exams, or completing the Capstone Biliteracy Project.

How do I know if my school offers the Seal of Biliteracy?

You can learn whether your school offers the program by going to schools.nyc.gov/NYSSB.

What if my school doesn't offer the NYSSB?

Talk to your world language teacher, parent coordinator, or principal to learn how to get started or email NYSSB@schools.nyc.gov.

Does the NYSSB grant credits towards college?

Yes, some colleges offer credits or advanced placement for NYSSB.

Learn which CUNY campuses offer Credit for Prior Learning:
bit.ly/CUNYNYSSB

Reach out to your desired college or university to learn more.

Questions? Reach out to your school or email NYSSB@schools.nyc.gov.