

Application Information for the Diploma Seal of Biliteracy 2019-2020

Students should fill out this form ONLY IF they are a current 12th grade student graduating in June or August of 2020 AND:

- Have not passed the FCPS World Languages Credit Exam OR
- Did not receive a rating of Meet Expectations or above on the final PALS in Level IV of a World Language (all components) OR
- Have not taken a World Language AP exam and received a score of three or higher OR
- Have not taken a World Language IB exam and received a score of four or higher

Students who HAVE met any of the above criteria will automatically receive or be noted as having the potential to receive the seal.

Criteria for Award

The Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia has established the Diploma Seal of Biliteracy to recognize language proficiency in English and a world language other than English, whether acquired in the classroom or at home. To earn the Virginia Board of Education Diploma Seal of Biliteracy you must satisfy the following three criteria:

1. Satisfy the requirements to earn a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma; AND
2. Pass all required End-of Course Assessments in English reading and writing at the proficient or higher level; AND
3. Demonstrate proficiency in a world language other than English, through one of a range of approved language assessment options at a level comparable to Intermediate Mid on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines.

Assessment options for demonstrating proficiency approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction include:

- Passing a world language AP examination with a score of three or higher; or
- Attaining a Level 3.0 or higher on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI); or
- Scoring at the Intermediate level or higher on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI: ASL); or
- Scoring 600 or higher on a Latin SAT II test (SAT Subject Test)
- Receiving a rating of Intermediate Mid or higher on one of these exams:
 - Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI); or
 - Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI); or
 - Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc); or
 - Writing Proficiency Test (WPT); or
 - Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP4S)
- Scoring I-3 or higher on the Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL); or
- Passing an International Baccalaureate examination with a score of four or higher; or
- Receiving a rating of B1 level or higher on an assessment authorized through the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Deadline for Application

Potential recipients must submit the Biliteracy Application, with evidence of proficiency in English and a world language other than English to their school counselor by May 15, 2020. Detailed information is available on the Virginia Department of Education website:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/diploma_seals/seal_of_biliteracy/index.shtml

BILITERACY SEAL APPLICATION 2019-2020

Deadline

Please return this application and all verification documents to your Counselor by May 15, 2020

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Current School: _____

Language for Seal: _____

Diploma Type (General diploma requirements met): Standard Diploma / Advanced Diploma

Evidence of English Proficiency

End of Course *Reading SOL test* score: Pass / Pass advanced

(or state approved alternative, Test Name: _____ Score:
_____) End of Course *Writing SOL test* score: Pass / Pass advanced

(or state approved alternative, Test Name: _____ Score:
_____) **Evidence of Proficiency in a World Language other than English**

Language: _____

Name of assessment: _____

Date completed: ____/____/____

Score*: _____

*Attach copy of score report.

For School Counselor use only

Qualifications Checklist for a Seal of Biliteracy:

- Passed all required end-of-course English/Reading assessments at the proficient or higher level.
- Completed all graduation requirements for a standard or advanced studies diploma.
- Acceptable evidence of proficiency at the Intermediate-Mid or higher level in a language in addition to English.

Student awarded Seal of Biliteracy? Yes / No

School Counselor's name: _____

Not approved due to following: _____