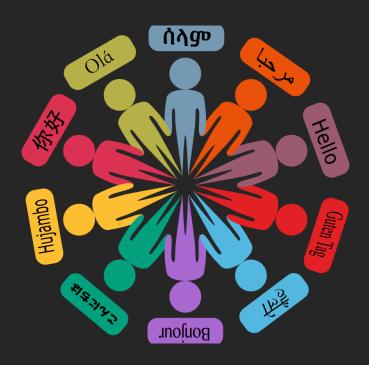
SUPPORTING
MULTILINGUALISM
WITH THE NYS SEAL
OF BILITERACY

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AGENDA:



- ☐ Who is here and what do we want to know?
- Why strive for biliteracy?
- ☐ What is the NYS Seal of Biliteracy?
- How do we support Multilingual learners with attaining the Seal of Biliteracy?

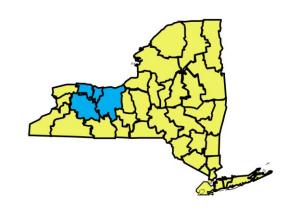


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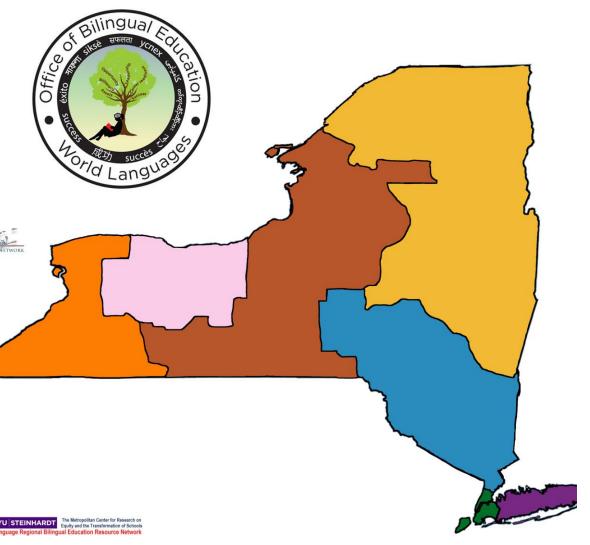


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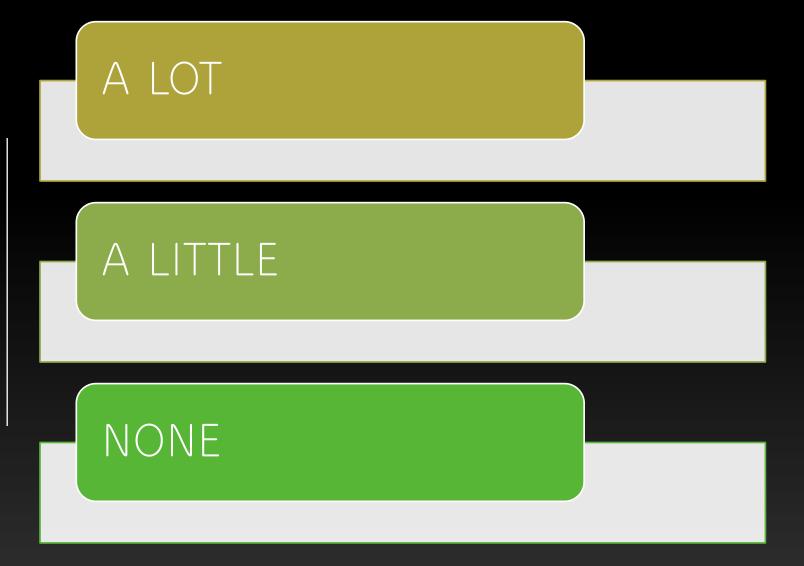


ABOUT YOU:

Please introduce yourself in the chat:

- · Your name
- · Your role
- · Your School/District

How much do you know about the NYS Seal of Biliteracy?



WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

New York State boasts a rich linguistic and cultural heritage, with students speaking over 200 languages. Understanding the importance of multilingualism and multiliteracy, the New York State Legislature established the New York State Seal of Biliteracy. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more languages. It acknowledges the importance of being biliterate in today's global society, highlights the hard work and achievement of students, encourages them to pursue language study while in school, and supports continued development of one's home language. Since 2016, this distinction has been awarded to over 17,800 students from hundreds of New York State schools, including public, charter, and non-public high schools. This session will provide an overview of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy, with a focus on supporting candidates who pursue the Seal in their home language.





NYSED's Blueprint for ELL Success:

Districts and schools recognize that bilingualism and biliteracy are assets and provide opportunities for all students to earn a Seal of Biliteracy upon obtaining a high school diploma by providing all students with:

- •Opportunities to participate in language learning or language support programs that lead to proficiency in English and other languages.
- •Opportunities to use and develop academic language and content knowledge both in English and Languages Other Than English, including the student's home language.
- •Rigorous Bilingual Education programs for ELLs/MLLs aimed at maintaining and developing the home language and attaining English proficiency as well as biliteracy.
- •Alternate pathways for those whose home language is low incidence and, consequently, the district does not have enough students who speak the same language to form a bilingual education program.





NYSED's Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Mindsets

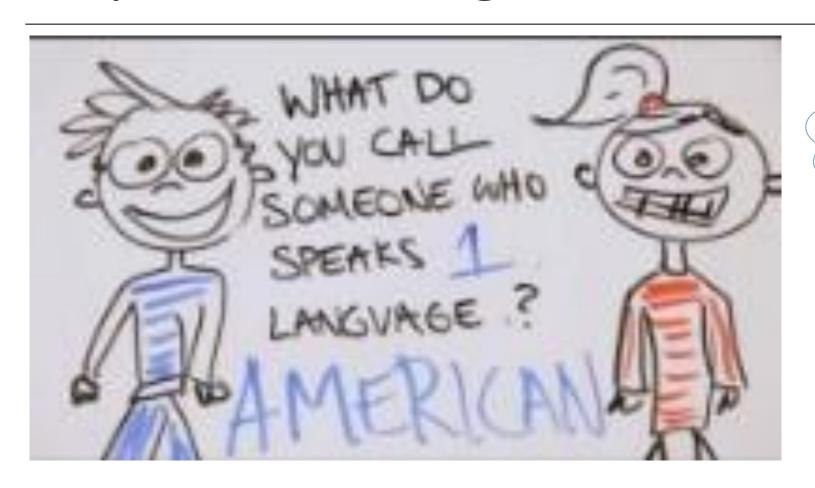
- •Believing that students and their families are individuals with their own assets, knowledge, and abilities who should be valued and consulted.
- •Student and community assets should be sustained and leveraged for academic achievement.
- •Consider students as co-designers of curriculum and drivers of instruction (Jenkins & Healey, 2009)
- •Embed community input into curriculum to reflect diversity of the local and global community.



A multilingual and multiliterate population has the potential to enhance academic achievement, advance intercultural competences, boost economic competitiveness, improve intergroup relations, strengthen national security, and leverage inequities in society.

The ever-increasing global and international interconnectedness calls for schools to offer extended language and academic opportunities for students to, at the very minimum, become biliterate and bicultural. Proficiency in more than one language benefits individuals and society alike.

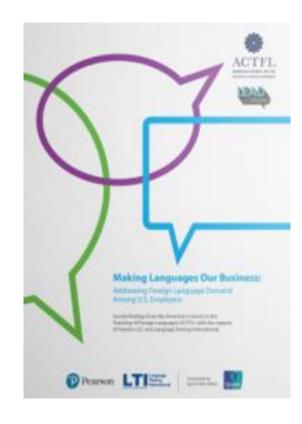
Why Promote Bilingualism & Biliteracy?



What one fact from the video stands out to you?

More Languages = More Opportunity = More \$EN\$E

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and its Lead with Languages campaign, conducted a survey of 1,200 U.S. employers, and the resulting 2019 report, Making Languages Our Business: Addressing Foreign Language Demand Among U.S. Employers, indicates an urgent and growing demand for language skills in the workplace.



What is the NYSSB?

THE NYSSB

THE NYSSB IS AN AWARD GIVEN BY A SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION THAT FORMALLY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY IN TWO OR MORE WORLD LANGUAGES (ONE OF WHICH MUST BE ENGLISH) BY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

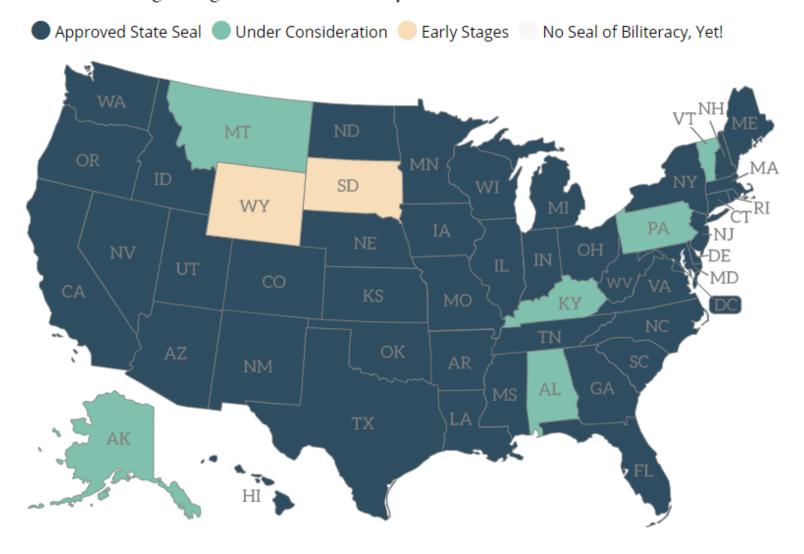


WHY OFFER THE NYSSB?

- To encourage the study of languages
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high-level skills in multiple languages
- To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language skills
- To prepare students with 21st century skills
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community
- The NYSSB positively contributes to the district's College, Career & Civic Readiness accountability score for ESSA.



State Laws Regarding the Seal of Biliteracy



Origins of the Seal of Biliteracy

- The Seal of Biliteracy began in California in 2008.
- New York was second only to California to adopt this program.

TIMELINE OF THE NYSSB

2012

The NYSSB was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Cuomo. 2016

The NYSSB was formally approved by Board of Regents in April of 2016.









2014

The NYS Board of Regents approved the implementation of an NYSSB pilot program. 2017

The 2016-2017 school year was the first official year of statewide implementation.

NYSSB STATISTICS

324 schools offered the NYSSB in 2020-21.

That's approximately <u>one</u> in every five NYS public schools.











NYSSB STATISTICS

5,479 students earned the NYSSB in 2020-2021.



NYSSB STATISTICS

Since 2015-16, more than **17,000** students have earned the NYSSB.



How do students earn the NYSSB?

- Complete all requirements for graduating with a NYS Regents diploma
- 2. Demonstrate proficiency in English and another language by earning 3 points in each from a choice matrix



CRITERIA FOR DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH	POINT VALUE	CRITERIA FOR DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY IN A WORLD LANGUAGE	POINT VALUE
1A. Score 80 or higher on the NYS Regents Examination in English Language Arts** or English Language Learners (ELLs) score 75 or above on two Regents exams other than English**, without translation.	1	2A. Complete a Checkpoint C level World Language course, with a grade of 85 or higher, or a comparable score using another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner, consistent with Checkpoint C standards.	1
1B. ELLs earn an overall score of 290 or better on the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) during 9th-12th grades.	1	2B. Provide transcripts from a school in a country outside of the U.S. showing at least three years of instruction in the student's home/native language in Grade 8 or beyond, with an equivalent grade average of B or higher.	1
1C. Complete all 11th- and 12th-grade ELA courses with an average of 85 or higher or a comparable score using another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner.	1	2C. For students enrolled in a Bilingual Education program, complete all required Home Language Arts (HLA) coursework with an 85 or higher or a comparable score using another scoring system set by the district and approved by the Commissioner.	1
1D. Score at a proficient level on an approved English assessment (See "Approved English Assessments" on page 50.)	1	2D. Score at a proficient level on an accredited Checkpoint C World Language assessment (See "Checkpoint C World Language Assessments and Minimum Scores" on pages 51-53.)	1
1E. Present a Culminating Project that meets the criteria for speaking, listening, reading, and writing established by the district's NYS Seal of Biliteracy Committee to a panel of reviewers with proficiency in English.	2	2E. Present a Culminating Project that meets the criteria for speaking, listening, reading, and writing established by the district's NYS Seal of Biliteracy Committee and that is aligned to the NYS Checkpoint C Learning Standards to a panel of reviewers with proficiency in the target language.	2

Updated Criteria

- Updated criteria to earn the NYSSB
- Coursework criteria aligned (1C, 2A, 2C)

http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/progra ms/world-languages/criteria-to-earn-the-new-yorkstate-seal-of-biliteracy_0.pdf

Sample rubrics that schools can use for culminating projects and panel presentations (1E & 2E)

Projects are evaluated using a rubric that is aligned with ACTFL proficiency levels:

- •Sample rubric for category 1-2 modern languages (those that use a Roman-based alphabet such as Spanish, French, Italian, German)
- •Sample rubric for category 3-4 modern languages (indigenous languages such as Seneca and Tuscarora; those that use a non-Romanbased alphabet such as Arabic, Greek, Hebrew, and Russian; those that are character-based such as Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, and Vietnamese)
- •<u>Sample rubric for classical languages</u> (those from an earlier time in human history that have no living native speakers such as Latin and ancient Greek)

Culminating Project rubrics

Aligns with revised WorldLanguage standards



New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) Sample Rubric for the Culminating Project and Presentation – Modern Languages (Category 1-2)



Standard 1: Interpretive Communication — Learners understand, interpret, and analyze what is heard, read, received, or viewed on a variety of topics, drawing on a range of diverse texts, including authentic resources. The target performance level of Intermediate High required to earn the NYSSB is shaded below.

	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS						
Essential Question	INTERMEDIATE LOW	INTERMEDIATE MID	INTERMEDIATE HIGH	ADVANCED LOW	ADVANCED MID	ADVANCED HIGH	
What can I understand, interpret, or analyze in authentic texts*?	I can identify the topic / main idea and related information from simple sentences in short texts.	I can understand the main idea and key information in short, straightforward texts.	I can usually follow the main message / idea / flow of events in various time frames in straightforward, paragraph-length texts.	I can identify the main and underlying messages and some supporting details across major time frames in texts.	I can understand the main and underlying messages and most supporting details across major time frames in texts.	I can follow the flow of ideas and infer meaning, including nuances and viewpoints, from complex language on unfamiliar, abstract topics within texts.	

*The word "text" is defined as any medium that conveys information. For the purposes of this rubric, a text can include traditional reading material (e.g., literature, informational texts), live or recording listening texts, or visuals. Students pursuing the Seal in a modern language must be assessed on all interpretive modalities (receiving for American Sign Language; reading and listening for all other languages) of the language being assessed.

Proficiency in Interpretive Reading:	Proficiency in Interpretive Listening:	
Notes:		

WHO CAN EARN THE NYSSB?

Seal of Biliteracy conceived of a way to honor and encourage our English Language Learners to develop biliteracy (build both English and home language skills).

There is a pathway to the Seal for all students:

- ELLs
- Former/Ever ELLs
- Heritage Language students
- Students who pursue a course of study in a World Language while in high school

All world languages qualify: American Sign Language, Latin, Indigenous Languages



2019-20 NYSSB STATISTICS

In 2019-20, students earned the NYSSB in **59** different languages.



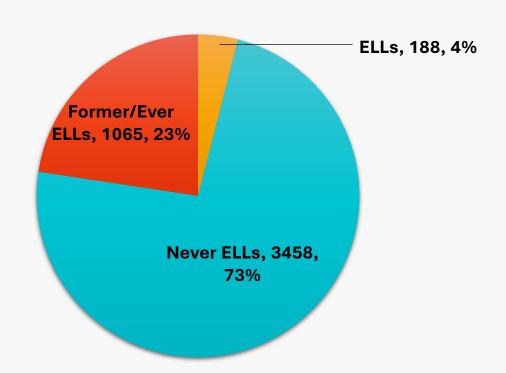
2019-20 NYSSB STATISTICS

The top languages in which students completed the NYSSB were:

Spanish	3,297
French	590
Italian	318
Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese)	108
German	74
Latin	67
American Sign Language	36
Arabic	39
Russian	35
Bengali	13

Percentage of Students Earning the NYSSB by ELL Status (2019-20)

Former/Fver FII is used to refer to students who were previously identified as ELLs, but who have since exited the program by achieving **Never ELL is used to refer** to students who were never identified as having language acquisition needs pursuant to Part 154 of the Commissioner's regulations.

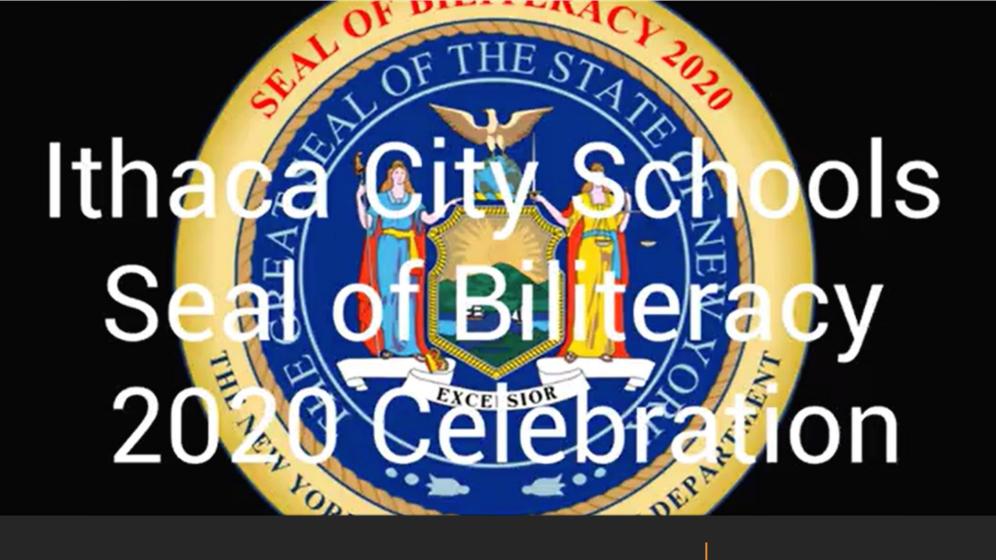


ELL (English
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to refer to those
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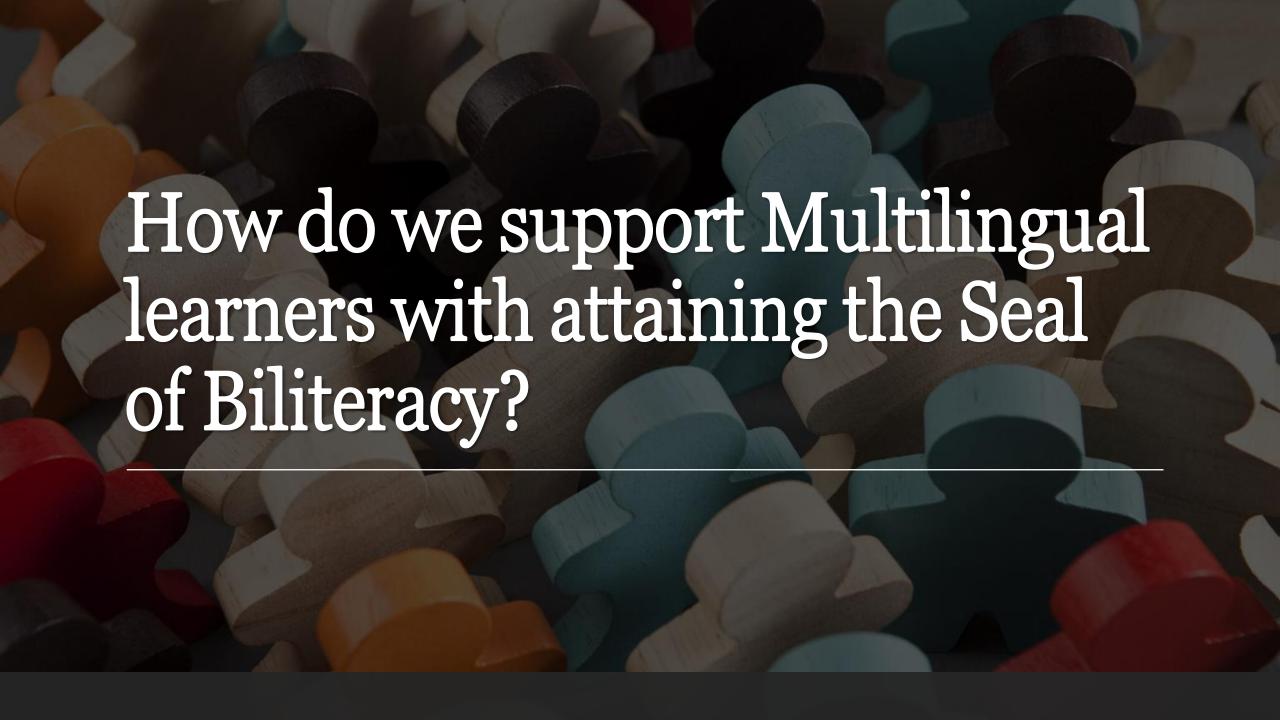
The roots of the term education imply drawing out children's potential, making them more than they were; - however, when children come to school fluent in their primary language, and they leave school essentially monolingual in English, then our schools have negated the meaning of the term education, because they have made children less than they were.

(Mary Ashworth, cited in Cummins, 1989)



Student Testimonials

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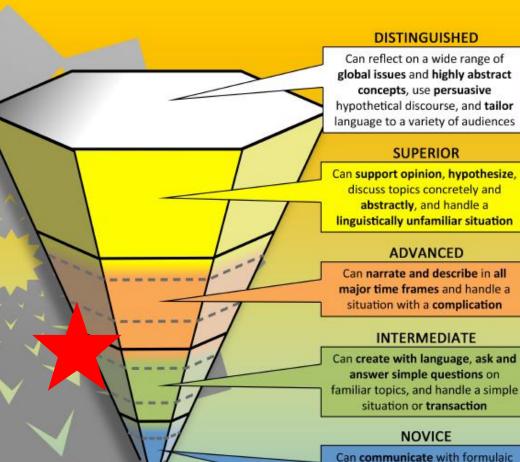


Pathway to the NYSSB

- → Intermediate-Mid (Category 3-4 Languages)
- → Intermediate-High(Category 1-2 Languages)



ACTFL PROFICIENCY LEVELS



and rote utterances, lists, and phrases

Biliteracy Pathway Awards....

- Are a separate recognition for younger students (Pre-K through 11th graders) to encourage them to continue the study of English and one or more World Languages
- Can be a system of "benchmarks" towards biliteracy from Pre-K through high school and beyond
- Is locally defined and awarded (not regulated in NY State)
- Is given at the school's discretion at any point in a student's academic career up to and including 11^{th} grade
- Is based on criteria that is solely determined by the individual school and can be based on the school's purpose or need





SOME EXAMPLES:

Examples of some student tasks to earn a Biliteracy Pathway award could include:

- 2nd grade: students sing a song in the target language at a "moving up ceremony";
- 5th grade: students select (and display) their best work in one or more modes from English and a World Language course;
- 8th grade: students write an essay in English on the importance of being bilingual and give some type of oral performance (recitation, skit) in the target language.







Why pursue the New York State Seal of Biliteracy?



Requirements to Earn the NYSSB



This award is denoted by a seal affixed to the student's diploma and a notation on the student's high school transcript. To earn the NYSSB, students must demonstrate Intermediate High proficiency in English and the required level of proficiency in one or more world languages set forth by the NYS Learning Standards for World Languages, adopted by the NYS Board of Regents in March 2021. Students can earn points toward the NYSSB in a number of ways, including:

- · Completing coursework in English and/or a world language with an average of 85% or better;
- . Completing a Home Language Arts Program with an average of 85% or better;
- · Earning a set score on an approved assessment in English and/or a world language;
- . Demonstrating successful completion of coursework from a nation outside the U.S.; and
- Completing and presenting a Culminating Project in English and/or a world language that demonstrates the required level
 of proficiency in all three modes of communication (Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational).

Click here do to see the official criteria to earn the NYSSB.

Click $\underline{\text{here}}$ to see the list of approved assessments in English and World Languages.

Click $\underline{\mathsf{here}\, \underline{\mathsf{d}}}$ to see the list of approved assessments in World Languages organized by language.

NYSSB Website

- "One-stop shopping"
- Use of accordions to maximize use of space
- Resources, resources, resources!



The New York State Seal of Biliteracy Handbook



2021-2022

Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

New York State Education Department



NYSSB Handbook (Revised)

- More than 150 FAQs
- COVID exemptions
- Resources
- Glossary

http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/ programs/world-languages/nyssbhandbook.pdf

NYSSB Guidance Toolkit

- Series of self-guiding modules consisting of agendas, videos, presentation slides, and supporting documentation
- Modules are being updated to reflect updatedNYSSB Handbook
- Additional modules are currently in development



THE NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (NYSSB) GUIDANCE TOOLKIT

Module 1: Getting Started



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Current modules:

- •Module 1: Getting Started
- •Module 2: Planning to Implement the NYSSB
- Module 3: Designing the Culminating Project and
- <u>Promoting the NYSSB Program</u>
- Module 4: Monitoring Student Progress
- Module 5: Preparing for Panel Presentations
- •Module 6: Celebrating the NYSSB
- Module 7: Wrapping up Your Program
- •Module 8: Completing the End-of-Year Data Form

Expanded list of approved assessments

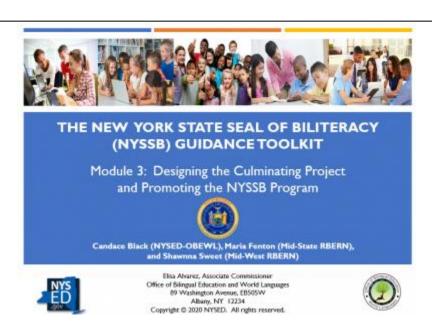
WORLD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT	LANGUAGES AVAILABLE	MIN SCORE	
AAPPL -The ACTFL Assessment of	Cat 1-2 Languages: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish	I-5	
Performance toward Proficiency in Languages	Cat 3-4 Languages: Arabic, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Thai	1-4	
AP – Advanced Placement Examination	Cat 1-2 Languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish* Cat 3-4 Languages: Japanese, Mandarin	4	
DELE (Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language)	Spanish	B1	
IB - International Baccalaureate Examination**	IB Language B exams Cat 1-2 Languages: Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Malay, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish Cat 3-4 Languages: Arabic, Cantonese, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian	5 (Standard Level Exam) 4 (Higher Level Exam)	
SLPI: ASL – American Sign Language Proficiency Interview	American Sign Language	Intermediate Plus	
STAMP4S - Standard Based	Cat 1-2 Languages: French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazilian), Spanish, Swahili***, Yoruba***	6	
Measurement of Proficiency	Cat 3-4 Languages: Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (Simplified and Traditional), Russian	5	

Language	Assessments with all modalities	AAPPL	AURA	АР	DELE	B	SLPI: ASL	STAMP4S	Assessments - individual modalities	LPT* (Listening)	OPI* (Speaking)	OPI(c)* (Speaking)	RPT* (Reading)	WPT/BWT* (Writing)
Afrikaans											Х			
Akan-Twi											Х			
Albanian											Х			X
Algerian**											Х			
American Sign Language (ASL)							Х				Х			
Amharic														
Arabic		Х				X		X			X	X		X
Armenian											X			
Assyrian											X			
Azerbaijani											X			
Baluchi											Х			
Bengali											Х			

http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/world-languages/approved-assessments-chart-2021-10-01.pdf

Module 3 – Designing the Culminating Project





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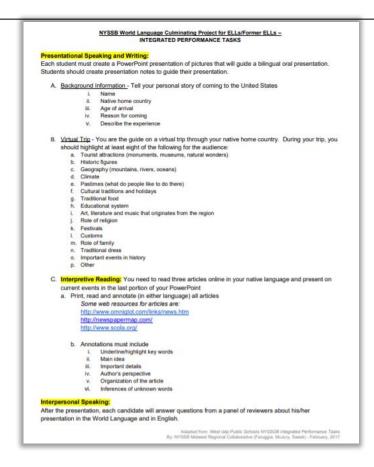
CULMINATING PROJECTS

Students may create a culminating project that showcases their skills, abilities and talents in the target language. School and district SBCs have the flexibility to develop their own projects, such as:

- Research Projects
- Scholarly Essays
- Reflective Journals
- Portfolios of Artifacts

Resource:

<u>Culminating Project Example For Native Language</u> <u>Speakers</u>





CULMINATING PROJECTS

- Culminating Projects can be embedded in regular coursework.
- If students are doing culminating projects for both English and a World Language for 4 points, they must be <u>different</u> projects (translations of a project into another language do not qualify for the NYSSB).
- To balance student and SBC workload, consider starting and/or completing the Home Language (L1) Culminating Project in junior year and the L2 Culminating Project in senior year.

Article 1

https://www.france24.com/fr/20190519-egypte-explosion-blesses-pyramides-gizeh-bus



17 personnes ont été blessées dans une attaque á la bombe á proximité du Grand Musée Égyptien près de les pyramides de Gizeh. 17 people were injured during an autobus bombing near the Grand Museum Egyptian by the Pyramid og Giza

Culminating Project slide examples courtesy of

Rochester Early College International High School, RCSD.

Panel Presentations

"Present a culminating project, scholarly essay, or portfolio that meets the criteria for speaking, listening, reading, and writing established by the district's NYS SBC and that is aligned to the NYS Checkpoint C Learning Standards to a panel of reviewers with at least Intermediate High proficiency in the target language."

Presentation Examples:*

French Presentation Slides French Presentation Video

Chinese Presentation Video



Photo courtesy of **Greece CSD**.

Evaluating projects

General Guidelines:

- Students are evaluated holistically on the 3 modes of communication (interpretive, interpersonal, presentational).
- Students are assessed by a panel of reviewers consisting of two or more adults who are qualified speakers of the language of the presentation.
- If the presentation is given in a low-incidence language or if there is only one adult speaker of the language in a district, the panel may consist of fewer reviewers.



Photo courtesy of <u>East High School</u>, RCSD.

Panel Interview Logistics

Following the student's presentation of their culminating project, a panel of reviewers will interview the student in the target language to measure interpersonal and presentational skills (see examples of interview questions).



Interviewers Questions for NYSSB Candidates

1.	You selected	_(name country/place) for you
	portfolio presentation. How and why is	
	(name country/place) important to you?	

- If you had to select a person, famous or not, that inspires you; who would that person be and why?
- 3. Why do you think it is important to know a second language?
- 4. As a candidate for the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, what are your future goals once you become a recipient?
- 5. When do you plan on using your second language skills?
- 6. How as the process of being a candidate for the NYSSB impacted you as a graduating senior?

*Bilingual reviewers should perform the interview in both Spanish or English.



NYSSB PRESENTATION PANEL

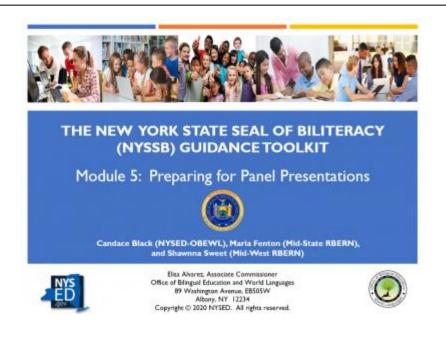
- Schools may invite members of the community to serve on the panel, especially in the case of low-incidence languages.
- The SBC may also consult with its <u>Regional Bilingual Education Resource</u> <u>Network (RBERN)</u> to find qualified panelists.
- <u>Seal of Biliteracy Panel Member</u>
 <u>Volunteer Form</u>

 If you are interested in volunteering on a Seal of Biliteracy presentation panel,

please complete this form.

Module 5 – Preparing for Panel Presentations





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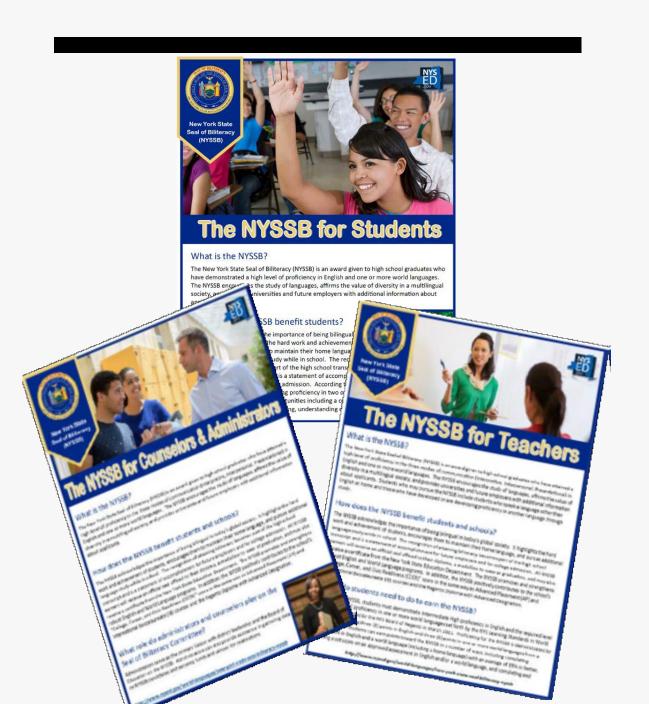
Multilingual Student Presentations

SAMPLE VIRTUAL STUDENT PRESENTATIONS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

- Farsi & Turkish(link is external)
- French(link is external)
- Spanish 1(link is external)
- Spanish 2(link is external)
- Spanish 3(link is external)
- Spanish 4(link is external)
- <u>Ukrainian(link is external)</u>

NYSSB EXEMPLAR STUDENT PRESENTATION

- How Shall We Overcome Play in Swahili (PDF)(link is external)
- How Shall We Overcome Play in English (PDF)(link is external)
- Video of Panel Presentation and Discussion (MP4)



One-Pagers on the NYSSB

- © Concise briefs on the Seal for various stakeholder groups:
- <u>Culminating Project Advisors</u>
- Counselors and Administrators
- Panel of Reviewers
- Parents*
- Students
- Teachers

*The Student and Parent one-pager translated in the top 10 languages spoken by families of English Language Learners in New York State.

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