

Seal of Biliteracy Questions

Question	Answer
What is the Seal of Biliteracy?	The 2015 Nevada Legislature passed AB 166, which establishes a State Seal of Biliteracy Program. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school or district 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.
When should students start thinking about the Seal of Biliteracy?	All students should receive information on the Seal of Biliteracy upon entering middle and high school settings so that they are able to organize their schedules and meet the requirements to receive this honor.
How do students earn the Seal of Biliteracy?	<p>Students must successfully complete all courses of study in English language arts that are required for graduation with at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale, and students must demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English.</p> <p>Students DO NOT have to have taken a world language course in a formal setting to earn the Seal of Biliteracy.</p> <p>If the primary language of the student is not English, the student must demonstrate proficiency in English on an assessment designated by the Nevada Department of Education.</p>
What are the testing options for the Seal of Biliteracy?	<p>Students may take and earn a passing score on the Advanced Placement examination in a world language with a score of 3 or higher or take and pass an international baccalaureate examination in a world language with a score of 4 or higher. Students may also take and a pass an examination in a world language approved by the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school or university school. The language assessments must be taken prior to the graduation date.</p> <p>Students using AP or IB scores for the Seal must have taken and passed the exams during or before their junior year of high school.</p>
How are students recognized for earning the Seal of Biliteracy?	<p>The Nevada State Seal of Biliteracy will be affixed to the high school diploma and the Seal will added to the transcript of the graduating senior, with the designation in the specific language by the district and/or school official.</p> <p>Students must receive their scores before graduation in order to be recognized at the ceremony.</p>