



Seal of Biliteracy Information

What are the benefits of the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy?

Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy receive official seals on their diplomas and transcripts, and receive a certificate of bilinguality from the State. Because we think knowing multiple languages is something to be celebrated, students will also earn a graduation cord to mark their accomplishment.

By law, Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Many universities waive any foreign language requirements and/or grant course credit for students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

How do students earn the Seal of Biliteracy?

Students earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy by doing 2 things:

1. Demonstrating proficiency in English on the SAT
 - a. Earn a 480 ELA SAT score Or Earn a 21 English score on the ACT
2. Demonstrating proficiency in a second language on the AAPPL test
 - a. Earn a score of I-5 (intermediate high) on all 4 parts of the AAPPL test

What's the AAPPL?

The AAPPL is a four part test that assesses Interpersonal Listening/Speaking, Presentational Writing, Interpretive Reading, and Interpretive Listening, all the skills your teachers have been practicing in class. It takes about two hours and you will be doing it with your language class. The Spanish department has purchased tests for all foreign language students in level 3 and higher. Our hope is that we can find out how successful our foreign language programs are and to help you earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy.

What if I don't get an I-5 on all 4 tests?

Students can take the AAPPL as many times as they like, only needing to repeat the sections that they didn't pass. If you'd like to try again, there will be a \$5 charge for each portion of the test (\$20 for the entire test). Students who earn a score of I-1 (intermediate low) on all 4 parts of the AAPPL test and meet the English requirement will earn a **Commendation Towards Biliteracy**. This would also be placed on the student's diploma and transcript.

More information:

[Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy website](#)

[AAPPL website](#)

Take a [demo](#) (requires flash)

If you have more questions please contact the 200U Seal of Biliteracy Coordinator
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