

**CT State Seal of
Biliteracy: What is it
and how can your
student earn it?**

“The Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy was established to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more languages.”

How does a student earn the Seal?

- 1. Be enrolled in a language offered at WHS for four years or until you have completed that language's program.**



2. Successfully complete all English/language arts requirements for graduation.

- **Pass four years of English**
- **Test out of ELL classes**



3. Complete a portfolio developed over your four years of language study.

- Interpersonal Writing
- Presentational Speaking
- Interpretive Task/Presentational Writing

(Latin is modified.)



4. Earn a passing score (comparable to intermediate-mid) on AAPPL, ALIRA or other appropriate assessment.



What if my student speaks another language at home that is not offered at WHS?

- **Modified portfolio**
- **Assessment in language (if not offered, low-incidence language plan)**

How are students recognized when they earn the Seal?

- Seal placed on diploma
- Cord to wear at graduation
- Recognition in graduation program/name read
 - Recognition at senior award ceremony
- Can be included on job and college applications
- Can be included on resume, list of awards, college essays, interviews, etc.
 - Letter from department chair
 - Recognition on final transcript

What languages have been tested?

**Spanish, French, Latin, Mandarin, Korean, Albanian,
Gujarati, Urdu, Tagalog**

New this year: Arabic, Turkish

FAQ

- 1. Why is there a portfolio component?**
- 2. What if students are missing pieces of their portfolio or forget to upload them?**
- 3. Who sees the portfolio?**
- 4. When do students take the test?**
- 5. What if my student is testing in various languages?**

Questions?

Email the WL department chair or your student's language teacher.

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Thank you!