What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the South Carolina Department of Education to certify that students have attained a level of biliteracy at the time of high school graduation. Biliteracy refers to having a functional level of proficiency in two languages. An Intermediate Mid level of language proficiency is needed for learners to function in the workforce, based on the data analyzed by the ACTFL and used to produce their Oral Proficiency Levels in the Workplace document.

Who can earn the Seal of Biliteracy?

- ALL juniors and seniors are eligible
- Any junior or senior, regardless of their first/heritage language and/or if they are enrolled in a language program in their respective school can apply to test for the SC Seal of Biliteracy.
- Students do not have to be enrolled in the Multilingual Learner Program or a World Language class to apply, but can contact any World Language or ML teacher for information on how to apply.

How do you earn the Seal of Biliteracy?

- Students must fill out an application at their high school. Contact the World Language Department Chair at your high school for the application.
- Students must meet both qualifications regardless of the students' first/heritage language:
  - **Qualification 1:** demonstrate at least Intermediate Mid proficiency in a language other than English on an approved proficiency assessment.
    - Most common proficiency assessments: Avant STAMP 4S, ALIRA, Avant STAMP WS
    - Testing must occur during the student's junior or senior year.
  - **Qualification 2:** demonstrate English language proficiency
    - by either maintaining a 3.0 or above GPA in ELA,
    - or scoring a composite score of at least 4.0 on the ACCESS 2.0 English Proficiency Test.

For More Information

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