Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy and Commendation toward Biliteracy
Two Levels of State Recognition

• The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and in reading, writing, listening and speaking in another language.

• The State Commendation toward Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating high school students who have demonstrated significant progress toward achieving a high level of proficiency in English and in reading, writing, listening and speaking in another language.
Qualifications for the Seal

● Demonstrate proficiency in English
  ○ Meets or exceeds standards on the Reading, Writing and Language portions of SAT (480)
  ○ ACCESS for ELLs Composite score of 4.8

● Demonstrate proficiency in another language
  ○ Composite score equivalent to “intermediate high” or higher on the 2012 Proficiency Guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL)

  ■ Advanced Placement (AP) Examination (4 or 5)
  ■ ACTFL Assessment of Performance Towards Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)
    ● Languages for the AAPPL: Arabic, English, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai
  ■ Examinations aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
Qualifications for the Commendation

• Demonstrate proficiency in English
  • Meets or exceeds standards on the Reading, Writing and Language portions of SAT
  • ACCESS for ELLs Literacy score of 3.5

• Demonstrate proficiency in another language
  • Composite score equivalent to “intermediate low” on the 2012 Proficiency Guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL)
    • Advanced Placement (AP) Examination (Score of 3)
    • ACTFL Assessment of Performance Towards Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)
    • Examinations aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
What can the Seal do for you?

• College scholarships

• College credit

• Increased marketability for employment
Costs & Tips for AAPPL

Costs of exams

- AAPPL: $30
  - Preparation tips for students
- OR
- AP ($94)
- OR
- ALIRA (Latin)
- Alternate assessment for languages not covered by the exams listed above.
Application Process & Timeline

1. Submit an intent to apply for the Seal. (registration form for this meeting.) ✔
2. Attend one of the informational meetings. ✔
3. Fill out the online application during your senior year by the last school day before Spring Break. (You can earn the Seal before your senior year, but the application can only be submitted senior year.)
4. Take the appropriate assessment. (AAPPL will be given January 30, 2021; registration and fee are due on or before December 22nd.)
5. If you take an AP exam senior year and your score qualifies you for the Seal/Commendation, you must apply by August 31 of the year during which you graduated.
Questions