



## **NJ State Seal of Biliteracy at Paterson Public Schools**

*Demonstrate your multilingual abilities with the NJ State Seal of Biliteracy and strengthen your college and career prospects with this recognized achievement!*

### **What is the Seal of Biliteracy?**

The NJ Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition awarded to students who have a high level of proficiency in English and one or more additional languages, meeting the requirements for Biliteracy. It certifies that a student is biliterate in English and another language. Students who achieve the Seal of Biliteracy receive a Seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts.

### **Is bilingual the same as biliterate?**

**Bilingual** means that a person can speak and understand two languages. **Biliterate** means that a student can read, write, speak and understand two languages. Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy are deemed biliterate.

### **How will it benefit students?**

- **Earn College Credit:** [A number of Universities](#) offer college credit to students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy
- **Provides proof of language and biliteracy skills to potential employers**
- **Increases competitiveness when applying to colleges and universities**
- **Access to grants and [scholarships](#) (example)**

### **How can I qualify to demonstrate biliteracy?**

Step 1: Students can qualify to demonstrate their biliteracy by first passing an English Language Arts High School graduation requirement such as : NJSLA, NJGPA, PSAT, SAT or a 4 in Access testing.

Step 2: Pass one of the following exams:

- The STAMP 4S assessment (Spanish, French, Mandarin). More information about the STAMP 4s assessment can be found [here](#).
- The STAMP WS or ALTA Assessment (Arabic, Bengali, Turkish)

- AP Exam in a World Language

\*Students who would like to test in multiple languages or in a language that they do not take a class for, please contact: [Kkhaled@paterson.k12.nj.us](mailto:Kkhaled@paterson.k12.nj.us)

**Who can I contact for additional information?**

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