

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THE CONNECTICUT SEAL OF BILITERACY

WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

Students at Berlin High School are eligible to earn the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy, an honor open to both native and non-native speakers of English. Students who meet specific criteria to demonstrate mastery of English and another language will receive the Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas upon graduation, and will receive special recognition at the graduation ceremony.

WHY EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy celebrates multilingualism as an asset for success in a 21st century society. Furthermore, it provides employers with a method of identifying Connecticut high school graduates with biliteracy skills, and helps universities recognize applicants with language skills. This is valuable for native English speakers learning world languages, English learners who have mastered English or other world languages, and heritage world language speakers.



HOW DO STUDENTS EARN THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

Various pathways enable students to become proficient in multiple languages, such as World Language courses or the ESOL program at Berlin High School, private language instruction, and heritage language knowledge.

Proficiency in both languages must include both social and academic language use and proficiency in all domains (speaking, listening, reading, writing). To earn the Seal of Biliteracy, Berlin High School students must complete requirements listed below:

Criteria Required to Demonstrate World Language Proficiency
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equivalent of Intermediate Mid score on approved accredited world language assessment
Criteria Required to Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<i>ANY TWO</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benchmark or higher on the English portion of the SAT or Grade 11 PSAT, or 20 or higher on the English portion of the ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Score of 3 or higher on the AP English Language exam
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average of 80 or higher in core 11th and 12th grade English courses through Semester 1 of senior year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Score of Overall 3 or higher on the LAS Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Score of 80 or higher on the TOEFL

For a student who wishes to demonstrate proficiency in a language not available for assessment through any of those listed by CSDE, a low incidence language plan will be completed and certified by the principal or designee.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

For more information about earning the Connecticut Seal of Biliteracy, speak with your school counselor, or contact your World Language or ESOL teacher. You may also visit www.ct.gov/sde or sealofbiliteracy.org to learn more.