

The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy



Students are eligible to test for [The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy](#) during any of their four years of high school. This award is given by BCPS upon graduation to recognize a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. This includes a medal to be worn at graduation, a seal on the high school diploma and a notation on the high school transcripts. This award is evidence that the student has skills critical in a multicultural society for all college and career paths. This award is not awarded for course completion and does not carry high school credit.

To earn this award, a student must demonstrate an Intermediate High or better level of proficiency as measured by an MDSE-approved proficiency assessment including AP and IB exams and meet the Maryland High school English Language Arts/Literacy graduation requirement.

The Seal of Biliteracy is available in any language! This is NOT limited to languages taught at the student's high school. This award may be earned in more than one language and does not need to be the language studied in school as a BCPS student. Students and their families should reach out to their high school counselor or WL department chair for more information on obtaining the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy.

