

Special Statement on the Delaware Certificate of Multiliteracy and COVID-19

The Delaware Department of Education recognizes the impact that school closures across the state have on students being able to qualify for and to receive a Delaware Certificate of Multiliteracy. The following actions have been put into place to mitigate this impact for the 2019-20 school year (dates may be subject to change):

- Extended deadline from May 1/July 15 to June 1/August 15 for students to apply for the Certificate and for school counselors to enter the applications into eSchool. The DOE will process certificates after June 1. Certificates will be sent via state mail to counselors by June 15. For applications received after June 1 but before August 15, Certificates will be processed and mailed to counselors. If the student is a senior, his/her certificate will be mailed to his/her home address.
- Seniors who are intending to use the IB exam as the world language assessment for the
 Certificate may enter IB as the Assessment option and leave the date blank. According
 to <u>International Baccalaureate</u>, exam scores will be issued based on teacher assessment
 scores of completed course work. The date may be added in eSchool when these
 assessment results are returned from IB before August 15.
- Seniors who were intending to take the AP exam as the world language assessment for the Certificate will be able to do so on the modified schedule provided by the <u>College</u> <u>Board</u> (roughly May 18-22). The results are expected by May 26.
- For students in grades 9-11 who may already have credentialed their proficiency in a world language, but because of changes to the administration of statewide assessments, such as ACCESS, PSAT and SAT, may not have been able to demonstrate English proficiency, these students are encouraged to wait to apply in the following year.
- Medallions for seniors who have qualified for the Certificate and whose applications
 have been entered into eSchool by June 1 will be mailed to school counselors by June
 15. For seniors who apply after June 1, medallions (along with their certificates) will be
 mailed to their home addresses by the end of August.