

Seal of Biliteracy

In award of recognition for proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation



WHAT IS THE SEAL OF BILITERACY?

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school district in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy is an official recognition by the district and a statement of accomplishment to be shared with future employers and for college admissions.

For more information about the Massachusetts State Seal and the national Seal of Biliteracy movement, please visit the [Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy website](#).

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about attaining the Seal of Biliteracy for the 2018-19 academic year, please contact one of the following people according to your school and desired language:

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2018-2019 Exams

The deadline to apply for juniors and seniors is February 14, 2019. Freshman and Sophomores may register for the exam, but they do not have to apply. They are not able to apply for the Seal of Biliteracy until their junior and senior year. They may take the test each year in order to gain experience and to receive targeted feedback on their proficiency level and areas for growth.

Access the links below:

[Freshman/Sophomore Parent Letter Seal of Biliteracy](#)

[Junior/Senior Parent Letter Seal of Biliteracy](#)

[Application for juniors and seniors](#)

[Registration for sophomores and freshmen](#)

Criteria

English Assessments:

- **MCAS:** English Language Arts (Score of "Proficient": 240+)
- **ACCESS:** 4 or above

Partner Language Assessments:

2019

- **AAPPL:** Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and ESL. Hindi, Italian, Japanese, and Thai. The cost is \$20.
- **ALIRA:** Latin, The cost is \$10.

Coming in 2019

- **Portfolio:** Partner languages for which there is currently no standardized assessment (e.g. Albanian, Gujarati, Somali, etc.)

Norwood High School Results 2017-2018

2017

21 Seniors Tested

Seals of Biliteracy Awarded:

5 Platinum

11 Gold

5 Silver

2018

20 seniors tested

Seals of Biliteracy Awarded:

7 Platinum Seal of Biliteracy

7 Gold Seal of Biliteracy

5 Silver Seal of Biliteracy