

The Seal of Biliteracy Award

Path to the Seal of Biliteracy:

Students must meet certain criteria in order to receive the Seal of Biliteracy award. The path includes the following:

- 1. Students must have completed all English-Language Arts (ELA) requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average (GPA) in those classes of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- 2. Students must pass a state approved assessment like AzM2. Please contact us for a comprehensive list of approved assessments.
- 3. Students must take an assessment to demonstrate proficiency in another language. Assessment used must be adopted by the State Board of Education.
 - a. Seniors must take the STAMP 4S test and obtain a score of five for category I through III language (Spanish).
 - b. Juniors taking AP Spanish 4 can take the AP Spanish Language and Culture must score 3 or higher.
 - c. English Second Language Learners must obtain a score of Proficient or Higher on the AZELLA Assessment.

Benefits of the Seal of Biliteracy

- 1. Encourages students to perform highly on ELA.
- 2. Students taking AP Spanish acquire skills that will help them in their post-secondary education.

- 3. Students show future colleges that he/she can effectively communicate in Spanish
- 4. Shows future employers the students' academic accomplishments
- 5. Students become more aware of other cultures and their impact on this global society.
- *Latest reports 2018-2019 show that nearly 1,500 students in Arizona were Awarded the Seal.
- * The Seal of Biliteracy was adopted in AZ in 2016.
- *Queen Creek unified School District applied for the Seal of Biliteracy in the Fall of 2020.

Visit Arizona Seal of Biliteracy Webpage for more information: https://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/seal-biliteracy

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