



Maine Township High School District 207

Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Maine HSD 207 is proud to participate in the Seal of Biliteracy program, which recognizes students who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English. This Seal of Biliteracy also carries national recognition.

Where will this recognition be placed?

Students meeting the requirements for the Seal of Biliteracy will receive this recognition on their transcripts as well as receive an official seal that can be placed on their diplomas.

What qualifies to receive the Seal of Biliteracy?

In order to obtain the Seal of Biliteracy, a student must show proficiency *in both English and another language*. The Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to those who demonstrate proficiency in English *and* whose other language proficiency level is equivalent to Intermediate High, as determined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

What are the specific requirements that must be met to demonstrate proficiency in English?

- Earn a minimum *composite* score of 21 on the ACT test or a meets standards (540 minimum) on the ELA portion of the SAT
OR
- Earn a 4.8 composite on the ACCESS exam. The ACCESS test is specifically for students in the ELL (English Language Learning) program.

What are the specific requirements that must be met to show proficiency in another language?

- Earn a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Language and Culture exam (the Advanced Placement exam is the only qualifier for the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Spanish).
OR
 - Earn a minimum score of I-5 on the AAPPL exam (Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages). The languages that can be assessed with the AAPPL exam are Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
OR
- Earn a minimum score of an Intermediate High on the STAMP exam (Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency). The STAMP is offered in the following languages: Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin (Simplified

and Traditional), Polish, Russian, and Spanish. The STAMP or AAPPL exam will be offered at Maine Township HSD 207 and the estimated cost is \$20.00.

Testing Information:

- Anticipated testing dates: Spring 2019
- Cost: approximately \$20.00
- Registration/testing information will be released January 2019

Who can I contact for more information about the Seal of Biliteracy?

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