

Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

New York State Education Department

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The NYSSB was offered for the first time as a pilot program in 2015-16.

Total # of students who have earned the NYSSB through 2023: 33,684

| 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 284 | 1,355 | 2,054 | 4,031 | 4,609 | 5,492 | 7,114 | 8,745 |

| Year | # of Current & Ever ELLs | # of Never ELLs (HL = English) | # of Never ELLs (HL ≠ English) |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2015-16 | 106 | 178 | * |
| 2016-17 | 359 | 995 | * |
| 2017-18 | 611 | 1,440 | * |
| 2018-19 | 1,091 | 2,940 | * |
| 2019-20 | 1,227 | 3,382 | * |
| 2020-21 | 1,283 | 3,493 | 716 |
| 2021-22 | 1,872 | 5,242 | 997 |
| 2022-23 | 2,293 | 5,179 | 1,273 |

| Year | # Schools offering the NYSSB |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 2015-16 | 14 |
| 2016-17 | 84 |
| 2017-18 | 115 |
| 2018-19 | 228 |
| 2019-20 | 292 |
| 2020-21 | 324 |
| 2021-22 | 374 |
| 2022-23 | 428 |

*Never ELLs whose Home Language (HL) is English was created as a separate category in 2020-21.

| Year | # of students who earned the Seal in 2 languages + English | # of students who earned the Seal in 3 languages + English | # of students who earned the Seal in 4 languages + English |
|---------|--|--|--|
| 2015-16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016-17 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017-18 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018-19 | 23 | 1 | 0 |
| 2019-20 | 80 | 3 | 0 |
| 2020-21 | 93 | 4 | 1 |
| 2021-22 | 184 | 11 | 1 |
| 2022-23 | 256 | 11 | 1 |

| Year | # of Languages |
|---------|----------------|
| 2015-16 | 9 |
| 2016-17 | 33 |
| 2017-18 | 39 |
| 2018-19 | 47 |
| 2019-20 | 58 |
| 2020-21 | 54 |
| 2021-22 | 68 |
| 2022-23 | 82 |



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For more information on the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, please visit our [website](#).

FOCUS ON Uniondale Schools [Dual Language Program

by Dr. Estrella Olivares-Orellana

As the Director of Multilingual Learners at Uniondale School District, it is my privilege to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of the Dual Language classroom led by our outstanding educator, Xiomara Flowers. Mrs. Flowers' classroom not only epitomizes excellence in bilingual education but also serves as a dynamic source for on-the-job professional development. In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Flowers has mentored more than fifteen new bilingual education

Russian Program at New York City § James Madison High School Transitions to the Revised World Language Standards

In a third year of language instruction fully aligned with the updated NYS Learning Standards for World Languages which were adopted in 2021, the Russian Program at James Madison High School has achieved remarkable milestones. The team's dedicated efforts have resulted in the creation of five

Webinar on Assessment Guidance for Checkpoint A (Classical Languages) Announced

The Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) presents this next webinar in its 2024 Professional Learning Series: Principles and Guidelines for Adopting or Creating Locally Developed Benchmark Assessments for Checkpoint A (Classical Languages). This webinar is offered free of charge for world language administrators and leaders working and studying in New York State educational institutions.

Presenters: Dr. Joanne O Toole, David Pellegrino, and Bill Heller

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 4:00

NYS Seal of Biliteracy Professional Learning Series Continues in 2024

In 2023-24, the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) began the first ever professional

News from Other NYSED Offices

The New York State Library announces its upcoming programming for February, including webinars and events related to history and genealogical services. Visit the State Library's [website](#) for a complete list of upcoming programs, including webinars, events, and onsite genealogy walking tours.

NYSED has released a new series of [literacy briefs](#) that focus on the science of reading and may be used to strengthen knowledge of evidence-based literacy practices in PK-12 education. These briefs were produced by Dr. Nonie K. Lesaux, Professor of Education and Human Development at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Kate C. Carr, M.Ed.

Solar Eclipse Resources for K-12 Classrooms: Get ready for the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024! Local libraries and cultural institutions have many different eclipse-related and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) events planned to engage students and adults in this rare phenomenon. The [Eclipse Resources page](#) offers helpful resources such as virtual training sessions, downloadable booklets, games, and activities.

The application deadline for the [Vice Chancellor Emerita Adelaide L. Sanford Scholarship](#) is March 31. One My Brother

Need local support? Contact your local RBERN!

The RBERNs support OBEWL's mission to ensure that all students' individual educational paths and socio-economical needs are met in multiple languages leading them to college, career, and civic readiness. They are NYSED's key providers of guidance, technical assistance, and support to New York State Districts, Charter Schools, Non-public Schools, and other organizations in the development of programs for MLs.

[New York State Language RBERN \(statewide\)](#)

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[Capital District Region RBERN at Questar III BOCES](#)

[Mid-West RBERN at Monroe 2 - Orleans BOCES](#)

[Hudson Valley RBERN at SW BOCES](#)

[New York City RBERN at Fordham University](#)

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The mission of the New York State Education Department's Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages is to ensure that all New York State English Language Learners (ELLs) attain the highest level of academic success and that all Multilingual Learners (MLs) – which include ELLs, Former/Ever ELLs, World Languages students, and heritage speakers of World Languages – achieve the highest level of language proficiency in English and in one or more other languages.

