

# **NYS Seal of Biliteracy**

## ***What is the NYS Seal of Biliteracy?***

The NYS Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or county office of education in recognition of students who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more world languages by high school graduation, one of which must be English. By offering the Seal, schools clearly state that mastery of two or more world languages is a critical skill for their graduates. It can take the form of a seal that appears on the student's diploma and/or a notation on the official transcript and graduation program. It can be accompanied by a medal, certificate, graduation cord or other regalia at the discretion of the school. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on July 31, 2012 behind the sponsorship of Senator Robach and Assemblywoman Arroyo. Since the inception of this program, over **12,000** students have earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in 59 world languages and English.

## ***What is the purpose of the***

The purpose of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy is to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages, in addition to English.

## ***Why should schools offer the Seal of Biliteracy?***

- To encourage students to study languages
- To recognize the value of language diversity
- To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and skills
- To provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for attainment of high level skills in multiple languages
- To prepare students with 21st century skills
- To honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community

Schools in our region that already offer the New York State Seal of Biliteracy include:

**For more information on the NYS Biliteracy program at our school, contact:**

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## **Capital-East Region Schools that Offered the Seal in 2019-20**

Averill Park HS  
Ballston Spa HS  
Central Valley Academy  
Crown Point CS  
CSD of Albany (Albany HS)  
Dolgeville CSD (James A. Green HS)

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North Salem JSHS

Nyack HS

Onteora HS

Ossining HS

Pawling HS

Pearl River HS

Peekskill HS

Pine Bush HS

Port Chester SHS

Putnam Valley HS

Roscoe HS

Saugerties HS

South Orangetown CSD (Tappan Zee HS)

Suffern HS

Tarrytown UFSD (Sleepy Hollow HS)

Valley Central HS

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Huntington HS  
Island Trees HS  
Islip HS  
Lawrence HS  
Levittown CSD (Division Ave HS)  
Levittown CSD (MacArthur HS)  
Lindenhurst HS  
Locust Valley HS  
Long Beach HS  
Longwood HS  
Malverne HS  
Massapequa HS  
Mineola HS  
North Babylon HS  
North Shore HS  
Oceanside HS  
Patchogue-Medford HS  
Rockville Centre CSD (South Side HS)

Roslyn HS  
Sayville HS  
Sewanhaka CSD (Elmont Memorial HS)  
Sewanhaka CSD (H. Frank Carey HS)  
Sewanhaka CSD (New Hyde Park Memorial HS)  
Sewanhaka CSD (Sewanhaka HS)  
South Huntington CSD (Walt Whitman HS)  
Southampton HS  
Southold JSHS  
Syosset HS  
Uniondale HS  
Valley Stream Central High SD (Central HS)  
Valley Stream Central High SD (North HS)  
Valley Stream Central High SD (South HS)  
Wantagh HS  
West Hempstead HS  
West Islip HS

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Onondaga JSHS  
Remsen HS  
Rome Free Academy  
Sackets Harbor HS  
Sandy Creek HS  
Sidney JSHS  
Skaneateles HS  
Solvay HS  
South Jefferson HS  
South Lewis HS  
Susquehanna Valley HS

Syracuse CSD (Corcoran HS)  
Syracuse CSD (Henninger HS)  
Syracuse CSD (Institute of Technology at Syracuse  
Central - ITC)  
Syracuse CSD (Nottingham HS)  
Tully JSHS  
Union-Endicott HS  
Utica HS  
Vestal HS  
Watertown HS  
West Genesee HS





Spencerport HS  
Webster CS (Schroeder HS)

Webster CS (Thomas HS)  
West Irondequoit CSD (Irondequoit HS)

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Long Island City HS  
Manhattan Academy For Arts & Language  
Manhattan Bridges HS  
Manhattan Hunter Science HS  
MESA Charter HS  
Midwood HS  
Multicultural HS  
New Visions Charter (Advanced Math & Science II)  
Newtown HS  
Pan American International HS (Elmhurst)  
Pan American International HS at Monroe  
Richmond Hill HS  
Robert F. Kennedy Community HS

South Bronx Preparatory: A College Board School  
Staten Island Technical HS  
Stuyvesant HS  
Susan E. Wagner HS  
The Boerum Hill School for International Studies  
The Brooklyn School for Social Justice  
The College Academy  
The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology  
The Scholars' Academy  
Uncommon Charter HS  
University Neighborhood HS  
Validus Preparatory Academy  
Westchester Square Academy

