



## Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy Program in Hinsdale Dist. 86



### What is the Seal of Biliteracy Program?

Students who demonstrate a proficiency in English and another language can earn the state distinguished Seal of Biliteracy. The state of Illinois acknowledges high school seniors on their transcript and diploma who are native speakers of another language or have dedicated their studies to a foreign language.

### How can I qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy?

Students can qualify by earning at 4 or 5 on the AP Language Exam in May of their Junior year or May of their Senior year. Students who take the AP Language Exam in May of their Senior year will not be acknowledged at graduation and all transcript and awards will be mailed out after graduation. In addition, students must receive a 480 on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing portion of the SAT exam. Both of these requirements are necessary to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. ELL students can qualify with a 4.8 overall or higher on the ACCESS for ELLs exam.

#### AP AWARDEES:

Students who took the AP exam as Juniors in May 2022 and earned a 480 on the SAT EBRW Exam will be automatically awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. No further testing required.

#### TESTING OPTION FOR NON-AP AWARDEES:


If you are interested in taking an approved proficiency exam to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy, please complete the registration form [HERE](#) to register for your choice of test date (Sept. 24 at Hinsdale Central or Oct. 1 at Hinsdale South). Cost varies by language and is set by the testing companies (\$10.00/Latin; \$60/Hebrew; \$20/most other languages). Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of languages.

Payments must be made in PushCoin two days prior to the test date. PushCoin accounts will be charged the testing fee approx. one week before the selected test date. Check Pushcoin for payment options.

### What is in it for me?

1. Permanent wording on your high school transcript indicating the Seal was earned and in the language awarded.
2. Recognition during the Commencement Ceremony through program distinction and graduation regalia. (*May of Junior year awardees and in school testers only*)
3. A gold sticker affixed to your high school diploma.
4. College credit ranging from 3 credit hours to 12 credit hours depending on the university or college. (Please contact individual colleges for details, credit varies)

# Reference Chart

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480 on EBRW SAT
4 or 5 on AP Language Exam
Transcript wording for colleges
Commencement regalia
Name in Commencement Program
State Seal (see above) on High School Diploma
Award letter mailed after July 5 <sup>th</sup> .
College credit in Illinois state schools and out of state (check with your college about credit options)

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