

District 99 Seal of Biliteracy Program

District 99 is pleased to offer students the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy or the Illinois State Commendation Toward Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the Illinois State Board of Education to high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in English and another language. District 99 seniors may earn the Seal of Biliteracy or the Commendation Toward Biliteracy in Spanish, French or German. Public colleges and universities in the State of Illinois award college credit to students who have earned the Seal of Biliteracy. Students should contact the college or university directly to inquire about college credit.

Process and Criteria for the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy

Students must:

1. Provide evidence of proficiency in English (as defined by the Illinois State Board of Education) via a state approved assessment (SAT, ACT, ACCESS).
2. Submit a District 99 Seal of Biliteracy/Commendation Toward Biliteracy Application which will be available by December in the World Languages Department Office, Counseling Office and the College & Career Center.
3. Demonstrate proficiency (as defined by the assessment and Illinois State Board of Education) in all four domains (listening, reading, speaking and writing) in Spanish, German or French via a state approved, District 99 administered, assessment.

Process and Criteria for the Illinois State Commendation toward Biliteracy

Students must:

1. Provide evidence of proficiency in English as defined by the Illinois State Board of Education by taking a state approved assessment (SAT, ACT, ACCESS).
2. Submit a District 99 Seal of Biliteracy/Commendation Toward Biliteracy Application available by December in the World Languages Department Office, Counseling Office and the College & Career Center.
3. Demonstrate proficiency (as defined by the assessment and the Illinois State Board of Education) in all four domains (listening, reading, speaking and writing) in Spanish, German, or French via a state approved, District 99 administered, assessment.

Students who have earned the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy or the Illinois State Commendation Toward Biliteracy will receive their award (seal) at the time of their graduation or soon thereafter. Their achievement will also be acknowledged on their high school transcript.