

State Seal of Biliteracy Program

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition given to graduating students who have demonstrated high levels of proficiency in English and in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking in a foreign language. To recognize such individuals, an official seal from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is placed on the graduate's diploma and transcripts.

In order to receive this commendation, a student must demonstrate proficiency in English as well as all content areas of another language. Based on ISBE guidelines, students must demonstrate proficiency through achievement on one English assessment and one foreign language assessment. Assessments offered by LPHS are as follows:

English Language Proficiency	
Assessment	Minimum Score
PARCC	Meet standards in ELA
ACCESS for ELLs	5 overall composite, 4.2 in reading, and 4.2 in writing

Spanish, French, or German Language Proficiency	
Assessment	Minimum Score
AP (Lang & Culture)	Score of 4

The PARCC and ACCESS for ELL's assessments are provided to a state-defined group of students each year. AP Exams are open to any junior or senior student and include a fee defined by the College Board (e.g., \$93 for the 2015-2016 school year).

In certain circumstances assessment results may not be available to award the Seal prior to graduation ceremonies. In such cases the Seal will be applied to transcripts as soon as assessment results are received by the District. In addition, the graduate earning the Seal will be notified that he/she may bring his/her granted diploma in for the Seal to be affixed. At graduation ceremonies, the student will be recognized as "recommended for the State Seal of Biliteracy."

For questions about the program, see the Director of Teaching and Learning.